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Finger Lickin' Good!!!



WINGFEST 2000 EATERS AT E.B'S RESTAURANT, a fundraiser for the Larson Fund, included Evan Machos (left) and Andy Leete. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

New Recycling Coordinator At Town Hall Pushing Programs

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

According to a memo from Mayor Richard A. Cohen sent out to all department heads in April, "the climate for waste disposal in Agawam has drastically changed over the past few years." There have been increased regulatory requirements, inflated costs associated with rubbish disposal, and increased requirements for grant eligibility, according to him.

Effective April 1st, Massachusetts has been requiring ongoing monitoring of each load of solid waste that enters disposal facilities. Loads with more than 20 percent recyclable (or banned) materials are rejected. The vast majority of waste produced by Agawam's municipal buildings is comprised of recyclable paper, so the town needs to recycle to avoid fines and other disciplinary measures.

The town saves approximately \$33 for every ton of material kept from the waste stream through recycling. In the past five years, Agawam has received grant monies and goods as a result of recycling efforts.

However, the majority of these grants are performance based, since qualifications have become increasingly competitive. The town can only receive the funds due in incentive payments by instigating a recycling program in municipal buildings.

Jayne Smith, recycling coordinator/health inspector for the town, has tackled this challenge and many others in her newly-established position. She earned an associate's degree from Paul Smith College. "I'm a proud PSC alumnus!" she remarked.

The A.A.S. degree was in ecology and environmental technology. She has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maine in natural resources. Mrs. Smith went to work for a Pittsfield concern, Environmental Company, as an environmental analyst.

A Good Match

For this position, Mrs. Smith did wetland delineation and environmental permitting. "I would come

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Architect Chosen For AHS Library Expansion

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Focused on lifting the warning status given to the Agawam High School library in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation report, the Library Committee agreed to hire Alfred Casella Architects to draw up the design plans for more than doubling the size of the existing library.

The plan to increase the size of the library to 7,500 square feet will utilize existing space at the High School by incorporating the existing library space with classroom space, the computer labs, and the old greenhouse to create a new, expanded library that will meet the accreditation requirements.

AHS Principal Paul Cavallo said he had been in telephone contact with NEASC after sending them a letter outlining the formation of the library committee and detailing the committee's progress.

"I talked to Pamela Gray-Bennet at the NEASC and she said she will be sending us a letter saying that it looked very promising and that we are making a good faith effort to have this library completed by

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JAYNE SMITH, the town's new recycling coordinator/health inspector, shows Mayor Richard A. Cohen the new 14-gallon recycling bins. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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up with an environmentally friendly plan for the contractor," she explained. She also did septic design and is certified to do perc testing. The position in Agawam and Mrs. Smith's interest's have been a good match.

The recently implemented recycling program has been approached in two parts. First, Town Hall, all schools, the Agawam Library, and the Police and Fire Departments are currently or will in the future be participants in municipal recycling. The second part will involve apartment complexes.

To facilitate the recycling, there are totes for municipal buildings and multi-family dwelling units. These totes have a 96-gallon capacity and have all been placed in their intended destinations for recycling.

Many multi-family units chose smaller bins more appropriate to apartment living. Multi-family units are defined as facilities with four or more living spaces and not eligible for Municipal collection. This category

includes condos and housing authority properties. This means that it's planned that by the end of June, over 75 percent of Agawam's multi-family units will have recycling access.

Another challenging accomplishment handled by Agawam's new recycling coordinator is resource recovery. Agawam's contract was revised when the incinerator at Bondi's Island changed hands.

In the past, Agawam was penalized for not meeting required tonnage, but now the town pays only for solid waste disposal on a per-ton basis. This change paved the way for expanded recycling efforts.

Cohen is pleased with Mrs. Smith's accomplishments. "She has a lot to handle and has already implemented programs which will be economically advantageous to Agawam's well-being. She is a pleasure to work with."

Goal Of 46 Percent

Because recycling is socially, environmentally, and economically preferable, the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts has set a goal to reach a statewide recycling level of 46 percent of all solid waste. To avoid rejection of unacceptable materials entering disposal facilities and resultant fines, state officials are offering incentives to communities who encourage recycling in multi-family units.

Because of these incentives, Agawam has the funding to provide the following to multi-family dwellings: two totes (one for paper and one for commingled containers) at each dumpster location; one 14-gallon blue recycling bin per unit; brochures and literature describing the recycling program to distribute to residents; and outreach support for implementation of a recycling program in the community.

A questionnaire titled "Recycling Needs Assessment" was sent to each housing unit to compile information on various needs. From this, a program appropriate to each particular facility can be created. To discuss this program further or request further information, Mrs. Smith invites people to call her at 786-0400, ext. 286.

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2001," Cavallo said.

According to Cavallo, the architects had been asked to include many library standards in their bid estimate. Now that the architectural firm has been selected, they will meet with the Library Committee and the plans will be finalized within the next two months. In order not to disrupt the education process, most of the work will be done during the summer of 2001 to be complete for the 2001/2002 school year. Some work will be done this summer.

Building Maintenance Director Anthony Albro said, "Four architects responded to our request for proposals. Every one of them have library experience."

After a brief discussion, the committee decided to go ahead with the low bid of \$7,200 submitted by Casella. The remaining bids were \$8,500, Galliher, Baier and Best; \$9,200, Reinhart Associates; and \$47,000, Leon Pernice and Associates, Inc.

Albro said it would be impossible to give an accurate estimate of the cost of the project until the architectural drawings have been completed. However, the state figure for renovated space is \$145 a square foot, he noted.

"We're not going to be doing any structural work

and the work will be done in-house," Albro added.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso estimated the cost could be as low as \$100 per square foot. "We're going to save a substantial amount of money by doing this in-house," Ameruso said.

As far as where the money will come from to pay for the expansion and for purchasing new books and library materials, Ameruso said, "In my opinion, the School Committee budget should be funding the contents of the library and the town should fund the construction project, the furniture, and the new computers. We need to take care of the books, whereas the equipment to upgrade the facility should come out of the construction project budget."

Mayor Richard A. Cohen agreed with Ameruso's sentiments on the funding for the project.

"We foresee a cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000," Cohen said. "By doing it in-house, we can take the money we would have spent on a contractor and spend it on the tangible things that the students can use, like books, library materials, and computers."

Cohen said he wants the library project to meet the accreditation standards and he also wants to make sure the students have access to the library before and after school.

"A lot of students say they can't get in (to the library)," Cohen noted.

AHS Librarian Jennifer Ellis said she typically sees between 100 and 125 students using the library each month before school opens. "I'm here before I'm supposed to be, usually between 6:45 and 7:00 a.m., and the library is open as soon as I'm here," Ms. Ellis said. "Next year, we will be open until 3:15 p.m. after school."

The committee agreed that a security system to prevent books from being removed from the library without being properly checked out would be included in the plans, and an air-conditioning system should be installed, not merely for comfort, but to protect the computers from malfunctioning due to extreme heat.

The library committee consists of Building Maintenance Director and Committee Chairman Anthony Albro; School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Richard A. Cohen; School Superintendent Frank Ameruso; Deputy School Superintendent Donald Charest; Associate School Superintendent Mary Czajkowski; School Committeewomen Theresa Kozloski and Roberta Doering; AHS Principal Paul Cavallo; AHS Librarian Jennifer Ellis; Linda Northrup Vitro of Northrup Electrics; and Susan Longtin, parent representative.

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Agawam Ski Team Parents Thank This Year's Sponsors

To The Editor:

The Agawam varsity ski team would like to thank their year 2000 sponsors: E.B.'s, McDonald's, Competitive Edge, Malone's, Shear Illusions, Partners, CHH Engraving, Valenti's, Alexander's, Six Flags, Golden Nozzle, Richard Stepanik Farms, Alvin's, Letalien Jewelers, and Cooks In The Kitchen.

The new ski cars will be available for purchase on June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills.

Thank you again for your support,
The Agawam Ski Team Parents

Jr. High PTO Says Thanks For Supporting "Luau"

To The Editor:

The AJHS PTO would like to thank all the students, parents, and staff who supported the Eighth Grade "Hawaiian Luau" Dance on Friday, June 9th. The PTO also extends their appreciation to the Dance Committee for their creativity, time, and energy in organizing, planning, and making all of the decorations for the dance. Of special note was the Hawaiian LCD projection presentation, the smoking volcano, waterfall, and the Hawaiian dancer and surfer cutouts.

The 257 students who attended the dance voted to donate half the proceeds to the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department Skateboard Fundraiser Project and half to the MSPCA/Rowley Animal Hospital. Finally, the AJHS PTO would like to thank all the individuals, companies, and businesses that participated in making the luau a tremendous success: Agawam Public Market, The Cutting Edge, Crystal Nails, Darker Image, Deb Florek, Domino's Pizza, End Results, Friendly's, Geissler's Supermarket, Hollywood Video, John Burns, Kim Kozik of Westfield, La Mirage, Longhi's Miniature Golf, McDonald's, Richard Condon, Showcase Cinemas, Six Flags New England, The Sand Trap, and The Tan Factory.

Agawam Junior High School PTO

Marc Costanzi Would Have Made A Good AHS Principal

To The Editor:

I am writing as a concerned resident of Agawam and a mother of two children who will be starting in the Agawam School System in a couple of years.

I am shocked and very disappointed in the decision of Dr. Ameruso and the Agawam School Committee to throw out Marc Costanzi's application for principal at the Agawam High School. Marc Costanzi has been in the Agawam School System for 25 years and has been vice-principal at the Junior High for seven years. He loves his work and especially the interaction with his students. He knows the students well and has the experience and the knowledge to fulfill this position.

Marc is a very fair disciplinarian and gives his students respect and, in return, receives respect from them. Marc goes to work early and stays late in order to get things done. He does this for the school and the kids, and not for the recognition. He puts 110 percent into his work. I have known Marc for 15 years and he is, without a doubt, someone I respect. I know in my heart he would make an honest, hard-working, and respected principal.

I know Marc would be an outstanding asset to any position in the Agawam School System. However, I think it is shame to deny someone of this opportunity who wants this position, knows the job, the town, the students, and the parents. With all his experience, I

am shocked and disappointed that there is still a search for principal of Agawam High School.

As a taxpayer of Agawam, I believe that it is my right and the right of those who share my opinion to know why the decision was made not to allow Marc Costanzi the opportunity to show his abilities and his knowledge at the Agawam High School as principal.

Debbie Passerini
Feeding Hills

Resident Supports Mayor Cohen's Decision

To The Editor:

While watching Mayor Cohen speak during the last School Committee meeting, he gave his reasons why he felt the School Committee did not need their own attorney.

As I understood him, Mayor Cohen said it would be an unnecessary additional cost to the taxpayers since we already have a permanent town attorney who can handle most legal issues the School Committee might have.

I fully agree with our Mayor, especially when he noted that if there is a need for a specialized attorney to deal with a specialized matter, then he would agree to hire one on, what I assume would be, a case-by-case basis.

To me, Mayor Cohen made a lot of sense and I fully support his thinking on this subject.

Thank You,
Ernestine Book
Agawam

Agawam Residents - Be Proud Of Your City

To The Editor:

The Memorial Day parade was beautiful! A nice tribute to our soldiers. Our city was the talk of station WHYN on Flag Day. The host, Don Murphy, remarked how our Main St. was decorated with American flags.

What a blessing to have hazardous waste disposal. On Saturday, June 17th, town residents happily drove down to the library. Holy cow! The workers even took out the cans, etc., from our vehicles. Where have you seen service like that lately?

Orange you glad you reside in Agawam?

A Joy To Submit,
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Resident Praises Son's Teachers At Clark

To The Editor:

The Town of Agawam does a wonderful job in recognizing the teachers that are retiring. However, we haven't established an award system for teachers who work extremely hard but are not retiring, which is why I am writing this and to tell you about three teachers who went above and beyond teaching this past year.

My son, Nathan, is enrolled in the third grade integrated class at James School School on Oxford Street. My son has a profound hearing loss in one ear and severe-to-profound hearing loss in the other.

Nathan has had a very difficult time in school due to his disability. He was even ready to give in to his frustrations until he met three very important teachers. Those teachers are Mrs. Swikalus, Mrs. Shaker, and their teaching assistant, Mrs. Perry. These three teachers did whatever it took to make Nathan see his talents and boost his self-esteem. They have had to go leaps and bounds to get Nathan through this past year and succeed triumphantly.

Through this whole year, they have worked with him and always remained modest when they were praised. I have nominated them for the Apple Teachers Award and they deserve so much more.

I would like to thank them for not only teaching Nathan his academics, but helping him to see past his disability. They are truly admirable. I wish them all happiness and success in all that they do. And in conclusion, I feel Nancy Shaker, Nancy Swikalus, and Ms. Perry deserve the highest award, which is shown in Nathan's success.

Thank you,
Mrs. Melissa Fraga
Feeding Hills

Thank You For Helping Us On Memorial Day

To The Editor:

I wish to extend my personal thanks to everyone who joined us in commemorating Memorial Day. We had a terrific group of participants, as well as hundreds of cheering, smiling residents lining the streets. It is very gratifying to have a community that wants to honor those who never had the chance to enjoy walking down Main Street, U.S.A., yet are the most deserving.

I again appeal to ALL veterans to come out and join us. Together, we can continue the Town's well-known tradition of honoring our fallen veterans.

Sincerely,
Christopher N. Sanchez
Chairman, Agawam Veterans' Council

Kent Servis Demonstrates Good Common Sense

To The Editor:

I write to thank City Councilor Kent Servis for demonstrating his good common sense, and a basic sense of fairness, with regards to what I like to call the truly ludicrous and silly tobacco store tiff. I'm very grateful that he would not let the most zealous trends in Puritanical liberalism - a movement inclined to promote the rule of local health boards over democracy, but no less likely to turn to the rule of mob where local health boards fail - persist in intimidating him. Perhaps his next amendment should address Lottery sales and KENO bets, as well.

I write also to suggest that our City Council - in spite of the ridiculous reservations of two who have never met an environmental threat they have not liked before - did not go nearly far enough to correct the damage a prior City Council did not think twice about inflicting on such establishments as Olive Oil's, and ought to grandfather these establishments, period.

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rather than slap them in the face with meaningless and empty gestures as a "compromise." We now have at least one councilor who would prefer to drive such establishments out of business with unfunded mandates, and at least one other who feels such establishments as Olive Oil's where partitions are simply not in any way feasible, ought not enjoy the business that only smoking patrons can provide any lounge or bar. We know them as Councilors Simpson and Bitzas.

Why these two city councilors hope to destroy certain establishments in city limits eludes me. Business owners of Agawam in the future should remember who would, and who would not, act to cause considerable harm to their business and act accordingly. Presently, this City Council has not yet acted to grandfather these establishments that were harmed, and has not yet offered compensation for damages. This situation is absolutely wrong, and the damage perpetuates.

Yet, perpetuating the harm may be precisely the point for the most intolerant. A "compromise" with the least compromising is a concession and therefore no compromise at all, while a penchant still exists among some to peevishly punish all and any who dared ever to make any smoker feel welcome behind their doors at all. Such a peevishness common to Puritanical movements happens to be what the punitive aspects of demand side policy inevitably lead to.

Such peevishness, indeed, soon becomes the point of such movements. It is this peevishness, rather than environmental or clean air concerns, that fuels the most zealous incarnation of the demand-side reduction approach. After all, we remain, in the town of Agawam, smack in the middle of the smog capital of Western Mass., and I have yet to hear one of the new Puritans complain about that. Perhaps clean air never was a concern at all, period.

Instead of combatting air pollution, or worrying about how Six Flags traffic will make our very dangerous and possibly deadly smog problems even worse, our new Puritans can only complain about KENO sales. Given how certain bars and lounges sell far more KENO bets and Lottery tickets than even alcoholic beverages, we can very clearly see where THIS noise will lead - even though no sales outlets, period, exist for Lottery tickets and KENO bets alone!

Perhaps, so that my very own eyes may be spared the relentless rants of those who seek demand-side solutions to what is a supply-side problem, City Councilor Servis can amend the measure one more time specifically to define KENO sales and Lottery sales as incidental to business, whatever their sales or quantity, period, for purposes of this ordinance. Any rational man could easily see that as a problem-solving solution!

Sincerely Yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

State Senate Passes \$63 Million Budget

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce unanimous Senate passage of a \$63 million FY00 Supplemental Budget that will provide \$50 million in Chapter 90 monies and \$13 million for improvements to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). Senate Bill 2218, a redraft of House Bill 5139, was recently engrossed by the Senate.

"We are providing the necessary resources so that the RMV can update its phone and technological systems to better serve all Massachusetts residents," said Melconian.

The RMV, under current Registrar Daniel A. Grabauskas, has made noticeable progress in the area of customer service. He has implemented a Registry Ombudsman Office to assist citizens in addressing difficult or complex registry problems. This office can be reached in person, by phone at (617) 351-9999 or 351-9968, or by letters addressed to The Ombudsman Office, P.O. Box 199100, Boston, MA 02119. All branch offices now have "greeters" to welcome and assist customers in directing them to their appropriate destination.

In addition, all full-service branches have implemented a Problem Resolution Desk, which is occupied by a manager or supervisor who is responsible for assisting customers with problematic situations that cannot be addressed by registry clerks. According to Melconian, these improvements are positively enhancing the public perception of the RMV.

The approved supplemental budget will allow the registry to now address its technological needs. The bill appropriates:

- * \$4.9 million to replace the existing phone system.
- * \$4 million to replace the main RMV computer.
- * \$2.8 million to replace over 1,200 computers.
- * \$484,796 to implement system reducing customer waiting times.
- * \$250,000 to expand credit card transactions.

The supplemental budget also includes \$50 million for local road and bridge projects deemed necessary by local government officials. This bill will be sent to a Joint House-Senate Conference Committee to iron out the differences in the two bills before a final supplemental is sent to the Governor for his signature.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Safety Tips For Outdoor Cooking

Everybody loves an outdoor barbecue, especially around holidays like Memorial Day. However, outdoor cooking can also lead to tragedy when carelessness causes serious burns.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following safety checklist to use when cooking outdoors:

- * When lighting a grill, the safest fire starters are chemicals in cake form or a charcoal electric starter.
- * Never add a fire starter after you have started your barbecue. The heat from the coals could ignite the stream of liquid and burn back into the can, causing it to explode in your hands. To speed a slow fire, tuck dry kindling under the charcoal.
- * Make sure the barbecue grill is level and steady,

and keep a container of water nearby.

* After cooking, soak the coals in water. Dispose of charcoal in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Many brush fires start because hot coals, thought to be cool, were dumped in leaves.

* All barbecue grills should never be brought inside the house, tent, or recreational vehicle, because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning in sealed or confined areas.

* Keep small children away from the barbecue.

* A bag of damp or wet charcoal should be immediately disposed of, as it can spontaneously combust.

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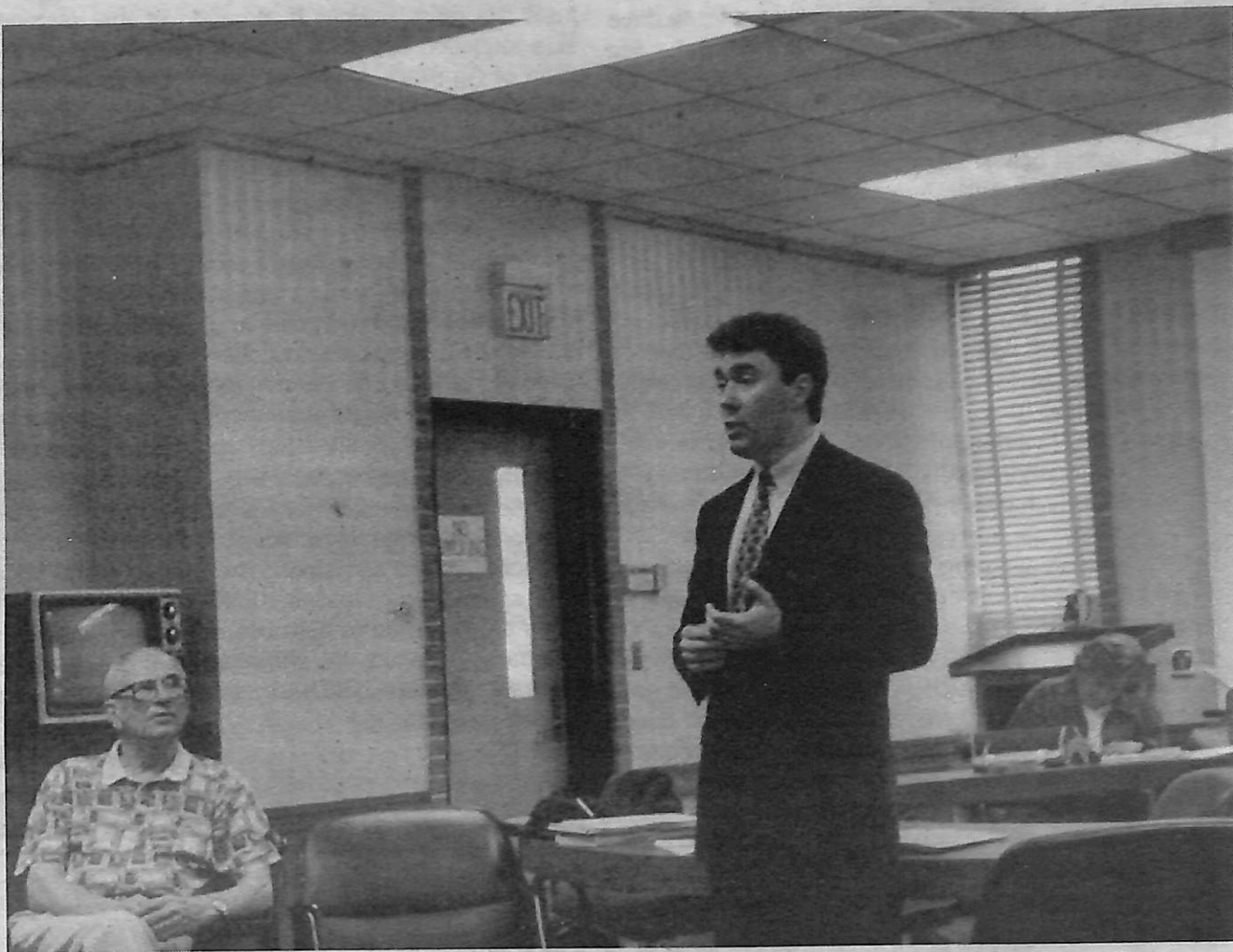
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Rep. Keenan Speaks To Agawam Retired Employees



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION met at the Agawam Library to hear a presentation from State Representative Daniel F. Keenan about health insurance. IN LEFT PHOTO, Charles Kistner was elected as the association's president and Anita Hastings was named secretary. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Sen. Michael Knapik Offers Free Pioneer Valley Guides

State Senator Michael R. Knapik, Minority Whip, is pleased to announce he has copies of the *Pioneer Valley Vacation Guide* available, at no charge, to residents of the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire Senate District.

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Trip leaders will be Bill Martin, a member of Agawam Congregational Church, and Tim Barrett, a former Woodstock, Vermont school superintendent. Barrett has been hosting adventure travel groups in Costa Rica for the last five years, and specializes in group travel oriented towards education, ecology, and local culture.

Accommodations will be in standard hotels and lodges. A 30-passenger, air-conditioned bus will provide ground transportation. The trip will be limited to 22 participants. A portion of the trip proceeds will be donated to a sea turtle conservation project administered by Costa Rica's national park service (MINAEC).

The all-inclusive price for this fully-escorted, eight-day program is \$1,549. The price includes round-trip airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all meals, park admissions, tours, and services of a bilingual tour leader. The tour departs Bradley International Airport on Saturday, February 24, 2001, and returns on Saturday, March 3rd.

For registration information, contact Bill Martin, 789-1063.

Citizens Police Academy Holds Graduation



THE EIGHTH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY CLASS, run by the Agawam Police Dept., held graduation ceremonies recently. PICTURED ABOVE are, back row (from left) - Sgt. Gallerani, Amelia McMeans, Kenneth Fleming, John McCarthy, Donald Lindsay, Robert King, Roger Gosselin, Paul Antoine, Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Front row (from left) - Gloria Pereira, Theresa Grus, Patricia Borgatti, Jeannette Dupuis, Nancy West, Gloria King, Jean Gosselin, and Eleanor Davio.

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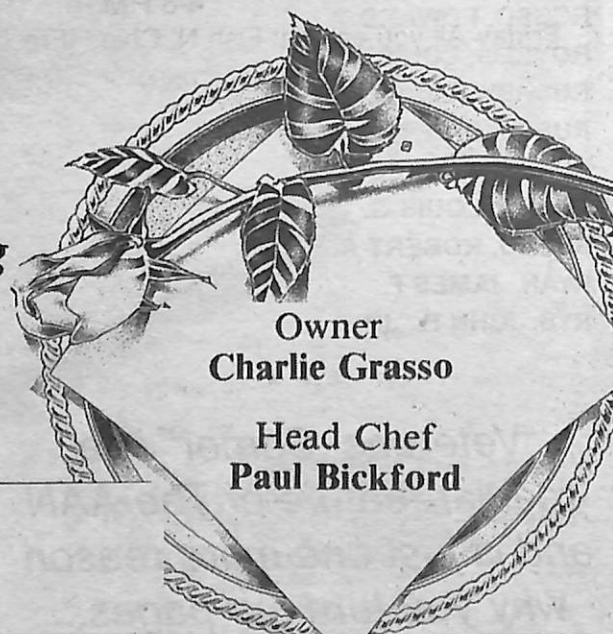
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by Edward Kellogg

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For those of you who display the American flag on such days as Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July, please look at it carefully before you pack it away in a box until next year. I would like you to ask yourself this question: "Is it time to retire this flag?" If your flag is discolored, torn, or frayed, it's time to retire "Old Glory."

So think about this; if that "retirement time" has come, bring that flag to the VFW, American Legion, or my office. As a group, we will be staging a flag retirement on the last day of the Big E this fall. This retirement ceremony will be staged to educate the public and our younger generation on flag etiquette.

So if you want to retire "Old Glory," let's do it right! Thanks...

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VIETNAM VETERANS - "Q" & "R"

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- Agawam Obituaries -

Albina M. Anderson

Albina M. (Marquis) Anderson, 91, formerly of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was an office clerk for Hannaford Brothers Meat Packing Co. and a sales clerk at the former W.T. Grant Department Store, both in Portland Maine.

Born in Island Pond, Vermont, she graduated from Assumption of Mary High School there and lived in Portland for 20 years and in the Agawam area for 26 years before moving to Holyoke two years ago.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and a member of the parish's Sodality and the Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, Thomas R. Anderson, died in 1955, and a son, Thomas W., last year.

She leaves a son, Robert F. of Hampton, Virginia; a daughter, Gail E. Juliak of Holyoke; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Georgette E. Blais

Georgette E. (Desjardins) Blais, 55, of Agawam, died recently at home.

She worked for Berkshire Armored Car Services for the past six years.

Born in Troy, Vermont, she was a long-time resident of Springfield before moving to Agawam seven years ago.

She was a graduate of Cathedral High School and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband, Joseph D. Blais; her mother, Doris (Deuso) Desjardins of Chicopee; three sons, David J. and Jeffrey R., both of Springfield; two daughters, Jennifer M. Miller of Agawam and Michelle A. Blais of Springfield; two brothers, Albert Desjardins of Chicopee and Edward Desjardins of Ware; two sisters, Mary Jean Specht of Chicopee and Gloria LaRiviere of Feeding Hills; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 220 North Main Street, Natick, MA 01760.

Michael J. Bleau

Michael J. Bleau, 20, of 120 Cooley Street, Agawam, died in this town recently.

He worked at Teleflex Systems in Suffield, CT.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

He leaves a daughter, Paige L. Edwards; his parents, Dennis and Judith (Courtney) Bleau of Agawam; a brother, David, and a sister, Jennifer Shean, both of Agawam; and his grandparents, Laura (Hebert) Bleau of Springfield, and George & Genevieve (Warren) Courtney of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Paige L. Edwards Trust Fund, care of Westbank, 225 Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Albert D. Guistina

Albert D. Guistina, 83, of Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at the former American Bosch Corp. and United Technologies Corp. of East Hartford, CT, for 42 years and retired in 1982.

Born in Springfield, he was a founder of the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam and a communicant of Holy Cross Church in Springfield.

His wife, the former Mafalda Rinaldi, died in 1994.

He leaves two sons, Richard of Easthampton and Robert of Rochester, New York, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Church School, 221 Plumtree Road,

Springfield, MA 01118, or any other charity.

Barbara A. & Neno F. Losito

A memorial service for Neno F. Losito, 71, and Barbara A. "Bing" (Lodico) Losito, 70, of Lantana, Florida, and formerly of Feeding Hills, was held on Wednesday, June 14th, at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

They both died in Lantana on May 14th.

He was a former golf professional in Western Massachusetts and was born in Springfield. He leaves five brothers, John, Joseph, Michael, Felix, and Pat, and two sisters, Rose Montebello and Maryrose Cicotte, all of Agawam.

She was born in Sharon, Massachusetts, and worked at Bickford's Pancake House in West Springfield. She leaves two brothers, Joseph Lodico, Jr. and Edward Lodico, and a sister, Elaine Mann, all of Florida. She was predeceased by a son.

All County Funeral Home and Crematory of Lake Worth, Florida, was in charge of the arrangements.

Luciano R. Paglia

Luciano R. Paglia, 82, of 34 Henry Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

He was a drafting engineer at the former American Bosch Co. of Springfield for 42 years and retired in 1982.

Born in Springfield, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, a four-gallon Red Cross blood donor, a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a past president of the Adriatic Club in Springfield.

His wife, the former Doris R. Gray, died in 1995.

He leaves three sons, William of Tennessee, Richard of North Carolina, and Thomas of Westfield; three daughters, Patricia Paglia of Feeding Hills, Dorothy Moakler of West Springfield, and Susan Biscoe of Westfield; a brother, Nando of California; a sister, Mary Langone of Springfield; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning, June

17th, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Friday, June 16th.

Ruth A. Reeder

Ruth A. Reeder passed away on June 10th in Okeechobee, Florida.

A member of the Lady Elks Lodge #2558, she was Lady Elk of the year 1982 in Okeechobee.

She was predeceased by two husbands, Chris E. Hillesheim and Julian S. Reeder.

She is survived by a son, Chris Hillesheim of Carlsbad, California; a daughter, Margaret Timmons of Feeding Hills; two brothers, James B. Wortman of St. Charles, Missouri, and Jean C. Wortman of Brandon, Florida; and three grandsons, Christopher and Tyler Hillesheim, and Justin Thomas.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 14th, in Sacred Heart Church in Okeechobee, and a graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26th, in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, #1100, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Stella N. Stetson

Stella N. (Bednarz) Stetson, 76, of 105 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She was a retired 27-year employee of Foodmart in the meat department and retired in 1986.

Born in Chicopee, she resided in Agawam for 11 years, in Feeding Hills for the past 45 years, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church of Feeding Hills.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Russell P. Stetson of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home; a son, Russell P. Stetson, Jr. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Carol Ann Pignatere of Agawam and Judith Irene Korbel of Ludlow; a brother, Andrew

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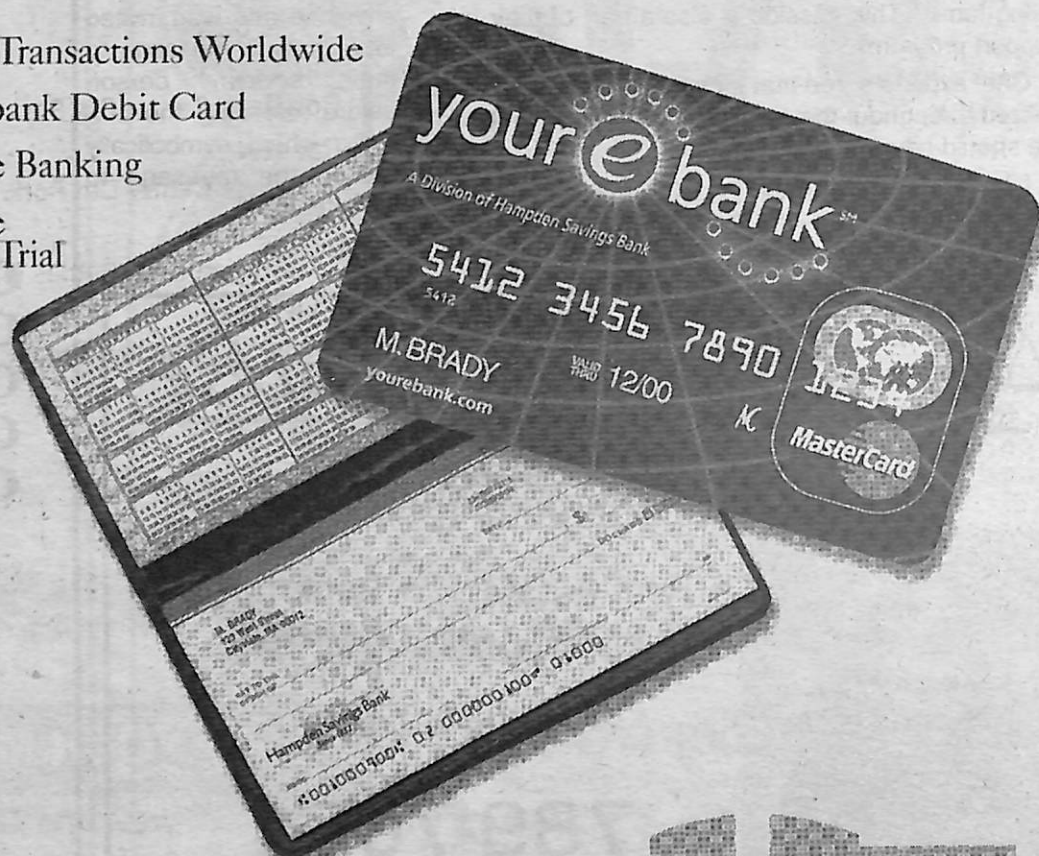
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Shuffleboard Tournament Slated For July 25th At St. John's Field

The Agawam Senior Center has announced that there will be a Shuffleboard Tournament on Tuesday, July 25th. The competition will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue until there is a winner. It will take place at St. John's Field on Leonard Street. You are asked to bring your own lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

Since this will be our first attempt at a tournament, our format will evolve as we find out how many contestants we have. We hope we will be able to have both singles and doubles. Rules will be posted a week before the tournament. In order to prepare for the tournament, it would be wise to practice in advance.

At Grace Lutheran Church...

Benefit Supper For Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove On Sat., June 24th

At 83 and disabled himself, Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of Tonelli's Little River Inn, is still cooking for a crowd. He, along with family members, friends, and church members, will be serving his famous chicken and spaghetti supper to benefit his grandson, Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove, who was a victim of a near-drowning accident in 1995. The supper will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield, on Saturday, June 24th.

Jonathan, grandson of Al & Pearl Tonelli, suffered a setback this past year and continues to require 24-hour care. The funds raised from this supper will be

At Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home...

Releasing Butterflies - A New Ritual For Grief Healing

On June 17th at 3:00 p.m., the sky over the Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home was filled with Monarch butterflies! No, they were not migrating! They had been released by surviving families of those whom the funeral home had cared for over the years.

The Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home is known as continuously finding ways to both participate in community projects as well as supporting anyone in the community who is grieving a death.

The creation of this new program, the "Butterfly Release," is an offspring from their mission for creative funeral service; they believe that each funeral needs to reflect the unique life of the deceased as well as to provide meaningful ritual and support for the surviving family. This mission is also a part of their grief support programs.

Grief experts agree that meaningful ritual should be utilized throughout the grief experience, and that people should be creative in the ritual.

Lila Forastiere, who is the Grief Specialist for the funeral home, relates that over the years during sup-

Janice Schermerhorn will be at the courts every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help. The game is so easy to learn that new players would be ready for the tournament with a little practice. Players can use the courts at any time. Just pick up the cues, discs, and scoreboards at the Senior Center and return them at the end of play.

Also needed are volunteers as scorers and helpers to run the tournament. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Senior Center. It would be a help if those interested would sign up by July 20th. There should be quite a few shuffleboard players from Florida, the Senior Games, and new players. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

used to pay for additional physical, swallow, and speech therapy. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting two seatings for the meal; one at 5:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this event can be obtained through Lisa (Tonelli) Gentile at 788-9541, or through Al & Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Desserts will be made by the generous folks at Grace Lutheran Church.

port groups, the bereaved often share their regret for things said or unsaid; that they yearn for an opportunity to be able to have one more minute to tell their loved one something.

The Butterfly Release was designed to give that opportunity. After a service of reflective poetry and prose, each participating family was given a triangular envelope containing a Monarch. Richard Magdycz, manager of the Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home, released butterflies from a display cage, "in memory of all those we have had the privilege to care for."

Then each family opened their individual envelope and was invited to whisper a message to their special person before releasing the butterfly, which symbolically carried the message to the intended.

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Bednarz of Chicopee; a sister, Mary Jackowski of Chicopee; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Vincent DePaul Fund, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Thyra Roberts

Thyra (Wallin) Roberts, 79, of 12 Cosgrove Avenue, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, she came to this country at the age of two and was a long-time Springfield resident.

She was a member of the Westfield Evangelical Free Church.

Her husband, Hale E. Roberts, died in 1975.

She leaves a daughter, Linnea R. Beauchemin of Agawam; a brother, Walter Wallin of Brockton; three sisters, Elsie Kelleher of Agawam, Helen Janson of Brockton, and Alice Gustafson of Waltham; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Bryon's Allen Street Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or the Salvation Army, 665 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Friends of Suffield Preparing For Upcoming Suffield On The Green

Suffield: The Friends of Suffield are starting their preparations of the upcoming Suffield on the Green event which will be held the weekend of September 9th and 10th.

Most town organizations should have received their registration forms, however, if they have not been received or if there is an organization that would like to be considered for participation in this year's event, please contact Kathy Byer at 668-7179.

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You will discover one of the most beautiful areas in New England on this day as our journey begins in Shelburne Falls, MA. Join the thousands of visitors from around the world as you walk over the Bridge of Flowers. The former 400-foot Trolley Bridge spans the Deerfield River and was built in 1908. In 1929, it was transformed and is still meticulously tended by the Shelburne Falls Women's Club. Spring is in the air, as over 500 varieties of plantings assure beautiful flowers from April tulips through the chrysanthemums of

fall in October.

Next, we will stop at The Countree Living Restaurant in Millers Falls, MA. The luncheon will begin with spinach salad, rolls, and butter. Your choice of entree is chicken francaise, roast top sirloin, or baked Boston scrod. All entrees are served with red roasted potatoes, chef's choice of vegetables, coffee or tea, and the chef's famous strawberry ice cream pie.

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Our last stop on this day will be at The Blue Meadow Farms in Montague, MA. This Gardening Farm is located off the beaten track and features many plants and flowers for your garden. Be sure to bring your wagon to carry your treasures home.

For reservations and more information, call Barbara, 562-1507, or Terry, 786-6482.

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Local Funeral Home To Lead Balloon Release

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The local Agawam release of the specially designed EPA-approved, biodegradable balloons is being coordinated by Mathew Forastiere, Loren Forastiere, and Peter Forastiere of the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, Ed Kellogg of the Agawam Veterans Services Department, and local veterans groups. The nationwide balloon release will occur on Veterans Day, November 11, 2000. The Agawam balloon releases will be part of community Veterans Day Ceremonies.

The Forastiere's are encouraging family members and friends to contribute \$10 or more toward sponsoring a balloon in the name of a veteran or homefront worker. Donations from the balloon release will be used to help build the memorial.

Individuals or organizations interested in making a contribution for a balloon, or working on the balloon release project, should contact the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home (413) 786-2600.

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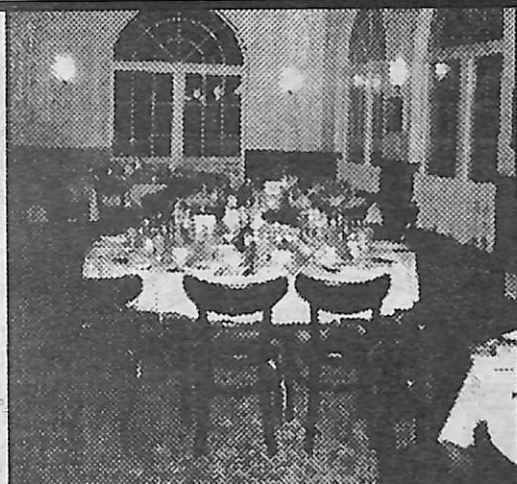


PICTURED ABOVE ARE, from left - Mathew Forastiere of Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Ed Kellogg, Veterans' Agent, and Peter and Loren Forastiere of Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, coordinators of the balloon release scheduled for November 11, 2000 to help raise funds to build a National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

lions more supported the war effort at home, there is no national memorial to World War II. In 1993, Congress tasked the American Battle Monuments Commission with raising funds for, and constructing a National World War II Memorial. Today, WWII veterans die at a rate of 1,000/day, as well as thousands more who served on the homefront. In the words of actor Tom Hanks, "It is time to say thank you."

About \$75 million of the \$100 million required to build the Memorial has already been raised. The National Funeral Directors Association has pledged to raise \$5 million of the remaining \$25 million needed to construct the Memorial. The Memorial will feature a "Registry of Remembrances" database that will include the names of any Americans, veteran or work-

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Donation is \$15. Music by The Bards will be featured and a raffle will be held.

For more information, call Nora Smigiel (her sister) at 789-3860.

1st Lt. A.D. Lavato Recognized For Superior Performance

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Andreas D. Lavato, son of Mary C. Lavato of 33 Seymour Ave., Agawam, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Helicopter Training Squadron Eight, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Florida.

Lavato was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Lavato consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1994.

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er on the homefront, for whom registration forms have been received.

To kick off the campaign, the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home will donate \$10 for a balloon in the name of each veteran the firm has served since January 1, 1999. "We hope to encourage friends and family members to contribute to the Memorial as a way of celebrating their love of a living or deceased veteran. It is important to remember the sacrifices made by all Americans so that we may all enjoy the benefits of freedom," Mathew Forastiere said.

The Forastiere's are available to speak and present a brief video at veterans' and service organizations. To arrange a speaking program, please call (413) 786-2600.

Even if you are unable to donate for a balloon release, there are many other ways to contribute to the nationwide grassroots campaign. Contact us at (413) 786-2600 to find out how you can help. For more information, log on to www.ForastiereFuneralHome.com.

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ALBERT D'AGOSTINO OF AGAWAM (center) was honored recently by the Melha Shriners for the Bronze Star he earned but never received. At left is James Brazeau, past commander of the Shriners' "Legion of Honor Unit" and at right is Colonel Kipp Miller of the U.S. Army.

Local Residents Honored By Melha Shriners

On Saturday, June 10th, Albert D'Agostino received the Bronze Star that he earned in 1945 at the landing on Normandy Beach. Ruth Bitzas, retired Agawam Veterans' Agent, found that he was entitled to the Bronze Star and had not received it.

Eagle Scout Brian Landry of 19 Edward St. was recognized and awarded a plaque for his accomplishments in Scouting. These gentlemen were the guests of Melha's Legion of Honor Unit at their annual "Flag Day Ceremony."

Past Commander James Brazeau was chairman and was assisted by Colonel Kipp Miller, U.S. Army. Approximately 150 Shriners and guests attended the ceremony on Longhill Street in Springfield.



EAGLE SCOUT BRIAN LANDRY receives a presentation from Colonel Kipp Miller of the U.S. Army for his accomplishments in Scouting.

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International Song Celebrated At Senior Center

On Thursday, June 1st, the Agawam Senior Center started the month off with a blast of international favorites. From Italy to Mexico and Ireland to France, a myriad of songs and music brought the audience of about 100 "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

Master of Ceremonies and Senior Center Director Richard Mundo introduced the 20 numbers from line dancers, vocalists, tappers, and musicians. His honor, Mayor Richard Cohen and Town Clerk Richard Theroux were on hand for the festivities and have been great supporters of the seniors. Key people in this performance were the Senior Center dance instructors Cindy Williams (tap & jazz) and Nancy Alty (line dancing):

Also, Memory Lane Chorus Director Darcy Davis and members of the Melody Band added to the show. Accompanist Elaine Manchester and pianist Paul Pasalaqua entertained as well.

A rousing reprise of "It's A Small World After All" was the finale. Quite an enjoyable afternoon, plus a fundraiser for Senior Center activities.



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Summer 2000 Walking At AHS Track

Effective June 19th, the Agawam High School track will be open (weather-permitting) for walking and jogging, on the following days:

Monday: 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Tuesday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Wednesday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Thursday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Saturday:** 7:30-9:30 a.m.

The track will be open for walkers and joggers during the above hours throughout the summer. Strollers are permitted on the track.

No one will be allowed on the infield or in the bleachers during these times.

For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 821-0514.



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER celebrated international song and dance on June 1st. Above, line dance instructor Nancy Alty (right) and members of her dance team, from left - Joan Linnehan, Emy McMeans, Rita Lungarini, Connie Sheridan, and Jean Woishnis.



ABOVE, JEAN CARTER and her son, Don (left photo), go "South of the Border" at the recent international song and dance celebration at the Agawam Senior Ctr. In right photo, famous Agawam musician and band director Darcy Davis (right) brought his Memory Lane Chorus to the event. Darcy is pictured with Jim White, who also lent his musical talents to the festivities.





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Question: I have noticed that my skin has a red-looking rash with small red bumps. I tried acne medication, but it hasn't helped at all. What can I try next?

Answer: My first response is to suggest that you check with your doctor or a dermatologist so that they may see the actual problem. There are so many skin rashes that it is hard to tell what it may be without a professional opinion.

I have seen a skin condition called rosacea that is a chronic inflammation and redness of the face usually on the forehead, cheeks, chin, and lower half of the nose. It can also include acne-like lesions that do not clear up with acne products, and broken capillaries on the cheeks and nose. It usually affects people between the ages of 30-50. It is more common in fair-skinned people like those of Irish descent and is more common in women, but usually more severe in men. The late W.C. Fields, a well-known comedian, had an advanced case of this skin condition. Rosacea affects over 13 million people in the United States and

although there is no cure, it is a very treatable disease.

The first symptom is a tendency to blush easily, which is later noted as a persistent redness in the center of the face. This can take years to develop and then tiny pimples start to appear on the cheeks, chin, and forehead. Small blood vessels near the surface of the skin become dilated and broken capillaries can be seen causing the flushed look. Other problems associated with rosacea are dandruff and oily skin, which can be addressed with treatments for these individual outbreaks.

The cause of rosacea is unknown, but (like other skin ailments) is thought to be influenced by genetics, the environment, and your lifestyle. Stress, hormones, and food can cause flare-ups. Spicy or hot foods - along with stimulants such as caffeine and wine - can dilate blood vessels and aggravate this condition. Other things to avoid are facial scrubs and alpha hydroxy lotions, extreme temperatures, and prolonged exposure to sunlight. Some drugs and strenuous exercise can also make the problem worse.

Treatments used by dermatologists include topical creams, antibiotics, laser treatment, or a cauterizing needle that is used to destroy broken capillaries. Metro Gel is a common prescription used to help control the redness and keep the acne under control. Most treatments work quite nicely, and some results should be seen within two weeks. If redness is a problem, then a trip to your cosmetic counter for a green-based makeup or concealer will be helpful.

Thought for a smile: a soft summer rain singing you to sleep.

And remember ... Beauty is our business!

Pot Luck Dinner At Legion Post 185 On June 24th

Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185 will hold a pot luck dinner at Agawam Post 185 to raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund on Saturday, June 24th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The donation is \$6.

The Auxiliary emergency fund was established in 1969 to provide financial assistance to Auxiliary members during times of emergency or dire need. The fund is maintained through contributions from units, departments, and individuals, as well as through perpetual memorials established in the name of a beloved family member or a special Auxiliary member.

"Women Helping Women" is a philosophy of the American Legion Auxiliary. When an Auxiliary member has an unexpected financial emergency, we can be there to assist her through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). This fund is our way of lending a helping hand to a fellow member who needs some assistance. A caring friend can make all the difference by helping her hold onto her home or car, or providing food to feed her family. The Auxiliary can be a caring friend through AEF.

The AEF provides fast emergency assistance when no other help exists. For further information, contact Mary Ellen Morissette at (413) 789-7278.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 26th: Vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, Vienna bread, nectarine.

Tuesday, June 27th: Chicken cutlet on a roll w/lettuce, tomato, potato puffs, Jello with fruit.

Wednesday, June 28th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, carrots, rye bread, brownie.

Thursday, June 29th: Cold plate (turkey salad on lettuce), tortellini salad, breadstick, peaches.

Friday, June 30th: Clam chowder, egg salad on roll, spinach salad, butterscotch pudding.

Heritage Woods Asst. Living Comm. To Hold Open House

Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community, 462 Main St., Agawam, will host an Open House on Sunday, June 25th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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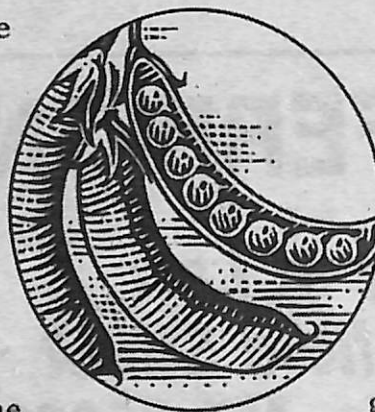
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snow peas very soon as well. You can eat those shell and all. I don't mean to insinuate that everyone who eats sugar snap or snow peas is lazy, because if you like sugar snap or snow peas, you probably like regular peas as well. What I'm saying is that if you like peas, or are thinking you might, get some for dinner tonight. Have the kids shell 'em—it's kind of fun. They might even like them. Do your part to keep the Regular Pea from becoming an endangered species.

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ARM-IN-ARM AND ALL SMILES at Wingfest 2000 sponsored by E.B's Restaurant on Walnut Street Ext. included, from left - Doug Reed, Shelley Reed, State Representative Daniel Keenan, Ed Borgatti, Jr. (owner of E.B's), George Ziegert, Dee Ziegert, Chuck Larson, Nancy Larson, and State Rep. Paul Caron of Springfield. Proceeds of the event benefitted the Larson Fund. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, Ed Borgatti, Jr. (back row, left), his sister, Shelley Reed, and the staff of E.B's Restaurant on Walnut Street Ext. were all set for the onslaught of Wingfest 2000. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Winging" It For A Good Cause At E.B's

On Thursday, June 1st, E.B's Restaurant, located at 385 Walnut St. Ext., held its annual Wing-Eating Contest. This year's event, "**Wingfest 2000 - Chowdown for Charity**," featured two contests; one TNT wing-eating contest and one Midway wing-eating contest.

The party began at 5:00 p.m., with the actual contests kicking off at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds of this event benefitted The Daniel A. Larson Foundation," which was established to support the families of homicide victims. Local favorites, "**The Guitar Dudes**," guest hosted the event as well as provided the evening's entertainment. There was a wing buffet available for everyone attending. Sponsors of the event included "Sam Adams," who will be provided the beer outside under the Taylor Rental party tent!

As in the past, the event was a huge success. This is the ninth consecutive year and the contest was open to everyone who wished to raise money and contribute to a noble cause.

Prizes were awarded to the people who raised the most money. Raffle tickets were sold with numerous prizes awarded from area businesses.

The goal of this year's event was to raise over \$5,000. For more information, please call E.B's at 413-789-3525 or visit our website at ebsrestaurants.com.

Korean War Anniv. Ceremony, June 25th

The Agawam Veterans' Council will be conducting a short ceremony on Veterans' Green on Sunday, June 25th, at 11:00 a.m. to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

On Sunday, June 25, 1950, North Korean tanks and troops exploded into Seoul, Korea, sparking the three-year-long war. When it was over, nearly 37,000 American soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen had perished (over 1,600 from Massachusetts). Today, many grandchildren of those first to fight, stand along the 32nd Parallel, keeping a watchful eye to the North.

This ceremony is part of the Town's three-year-long Commemorative Community Project. Citizens and veterans alike, please, take some time, join us on the green, and remember the men and women who answered America's call.

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Agawam Senior Games Athletes Bring Home Medals

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes really showed their stuff at the Massachusetts Senior Games this year, bringing home many medals in billiards, 10-pin bowling, candlepin bowling, discus, golf, javelin, racquetball, racing, shotput, tennis, and swimming.

The games were held at Springfield College and surrounding sites on June 9th, 10th, and 11th. The following is a list of the medals that are recorded so far:

Rudy Altobelli: Tennis - Gold in singles; Gold in doubles

Peggy Bentley: 10-Pin Bowling - Silver in women's singles; Gold in mixed doubles

Tom Bentley: 10-Pin Bowling - Gold in men's singles; Gold in mixed doubles

Chet Comins: 10-Pin Bowling - Silver in singles; Silver in mixed doubles

Dian Curran: 10-Pin Bowling - Gold in women's singles; Gold in mixed doubles

Joe Curran: 10-Pin Bowling - Gold in mixed doubles; Gold in men's doubles

Ted Cutler: Shuffleboard - Gold in men's singles; Gold in doubles; **Racquetball** - Bronze

Hal Deyo: Shuffleboard - Gold in men's singles; Gold in mixed doubles; **10-Pin Bowling** - Silver in singles; Silver in mixed doubles

Edna Duca: Shuffleboard - Gold in women's sin-

gles; Gold in women's doubles; **Candlepin Bowling** - Bronze in mixed doubles; Gold in women's doubles; Bronze in women's singles

Ginny Ingram: 10-Pin Bowling - Bronze in women's singles; Silver in mixed doubles

Harry Ingram: Swimming - Bronze in 50-meter freestyle; Silver in 50-meter backstroke; Gold in 100-meter backstroke; Gold in 50-meter breaststroke; Silver in 100-meter breaststroke; Gold in 200-meter intermediate medley; **10-Pin Bowling** - Silver in mixed doubles.

Desiree Jacobs: Shuffleboard - Gold in women's singles; Gold in mixed doubles; **10-Pin Bowling** - Bronze in women's singles; Silver in mixed doubles

Mary Knowles: 10-Pin Bowling - Gold in women's doubles

Ollie Muldrew: Candlepin Bowling - Silver in men's singles

Dick Osgood: Racing - Bronze in 400-meter race

Lena Peloquin: Shotput - Gold; **Javelin** - Silver; **Discus** - Silver

Angelo Polumbo: 10-Pin Bowling - Gold in men's singles

Vi Presz: Shotput - Bronze; **Javelin** - Gold; **Discus** - Gold

Janice Schermerhorn: Shuffleboard - Gold in women's singles; Gold in women's doubles.

Info. Sought On Medal Of Honor Recipient

During a recent trip to the Freedom Foundation, a visit was made to the Medal of Honor Library by members of Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185. Members found that there had been one recipient from Agawam.

"Edwin Leonard, Rank and Organization: Sergeant Company 1, 37th Massachusetts Infantry. Place and Date: Near Petersburg, VA. June 18, 1864. Entered

Services at Agawam, MA. Date of Issue of Medal of Honor: August 16, 1894. Citation: Voluntarily exposed himself to the fire of a Union Brigade to stop their firing on the Union skirmish line."

Anyone having more information regarding Edwin Leonard, please contact Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-7278.



AT THE POW/MIA MEMORIAL, are, from left - Mary Ellen Morissette, Georgia Gallagher, and Nikole Seymour.

Legion Aux. Visits Freedom Foundation

Department of Massachusetts American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Chairman Mary Ann Ventulett from West Springfield Unit 207 planned a trip to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185 President Mary Ellen Morissette and Nikole Seymour, Sergeant-At-Arms, participated in this trip.

The group included both Auxiliary and Legion members from all over Massachusetts. They were shown the grounds of the Freedom Foundation, which includes the Medal of Honor Court, Faith of Our Fathers Church, the Altar of Battles, and much more.

Additionally, the tour included a trip to historic Valley Forge and Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, the group took a walking tour, which included Carpenters' Hall-Meeting Place of the First Continental Congress in 1774, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Liberty Bell Pavilion, and many other historic points of interest.

Americanism teachings included a presentation by period speakers Susan B. Anthony and James Wilson. Following Mr. Wilson's speech, all attending were allowed to sign the bottom of a replica of the original Declaration of Independence.

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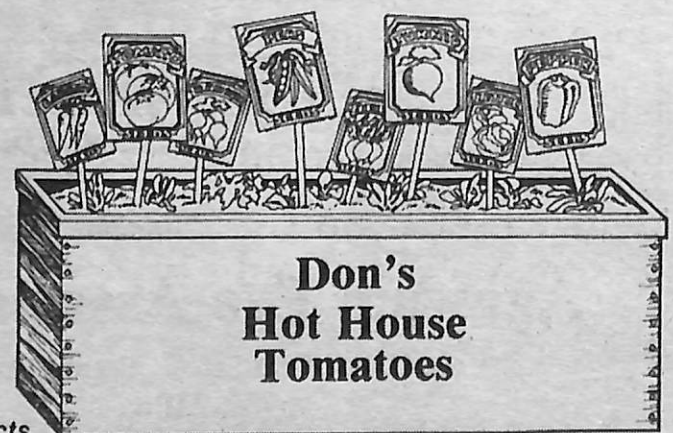
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Church News

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS: Judy Cross and Mary Gontczaruk were reelected, and Wayne Ball, George Cornwell, and Angela Grout were elected to the Council. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes as they help oversee the pastoral concerns of the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: The process of registration for next year's classes has begun. Parents of children in first grade are reminded that they have to register their children (they did not receive a note in the mail). If your child was not baptized here at St. John's, please bring a copy of the baptismal record at registration. Registration is \$20 per child before June 30th; during July, \$25; and during August, \$30. There are family rates.

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER: Anyone who would like to submit an article is asked to call Donna Gregory at 788-7681 as soon as possible. We could use some creative ideas and reporters to prepare some special articles. Would love to hear from you. Call Donna or Fr. Howard.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY: We will continue this program here at St. John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of time. Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic will be coming up on August 27th. Want to help? Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB: This group consists of adult singles who are separated, widowed, divorced, or never married. The group meets on the second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Next meeting will be July 13th and will feature games. For more info, call JoAnn, 786-0774, or John, 786-2273.

FUTURE OF HOPE: Those who have made a pledge to the Future of Hope should be receiving notices according to the schedule selected. If the notices have not been received, please call the Future of Hope Office at the Chancery. They will be happy to pursue any problem: 452-0630.

BIBLE CAMP: St. John's Summer Bible Camp will be July 10th-14th for children ages four through eight. Applications are at the Parish Center. Fee is \$12, with a family maximum of \$30.

ALTAR SERVER OUTING: All altar servers are invited to dinner and a movie on Thursday, June 29th. We will gather at the Old Country Buffet in West Springfield at 5:00 p.m., and then on to the movies. Call Fr. Bill at 786-8105 to confirm your attendance by June 27th.

ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: We are blessed at St. John's with (among other things) a very conscientious group who meet regularly to ascertain what needs to be done to keep our buildings and grounds in good shape. Kevin Hourihan is the chairman of this group and would be happy to welcome anyone who might be available to

assist. Help can always be used in the planning stages of projects and/or the physical work of carrying out some of the projects. Interested? Call Emile at the Parish office, 786-8105.

PARISH WEB SITE: We are working on our parish web site. We hope to have it as a useful communication tool, including scheduling for our various ministries, regular activities, and links to useful religious sites and resources. You can find it now in its initial stages at www.stjohnnevanglistchurch.org.

OPEN YOUR HOME AND TAKE A CHILD TO HEART: As we are all aware, there has been an explosion of substance abuse and domestic violence in our world. Thousands of children in Massachusetts are living in foster care as a result. These children have suffered the plight of abuse and neglect and are not able to live with their own families. In every town and city across the state, foster parents are desperately needed for these children (for emergency, short-, or long-term care). To become a foster parent, call 493-2600 and ask for the Family Resource Unit of the Mass. Department of Social Services. As this time, we would congratulate the families of St. John's who have already heard and answered this call.

NEED HELP PAYING FOR PRESCRIPTIONS? If you are 65 or meet disability guidelines, you may be eligible to receive up to \$1,250 per year for prescriptions through the Mass. Pharmacy Program (MassHealth and CommonHealth members are not eligible). For more info, call 781-8800 in Springfield.

Calendar Of Events For Feeding Hills Congre. Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. for the summer. Rev. Donaldson will be away for the next two Sundays. Diane Ball will take his place as our worship leader.

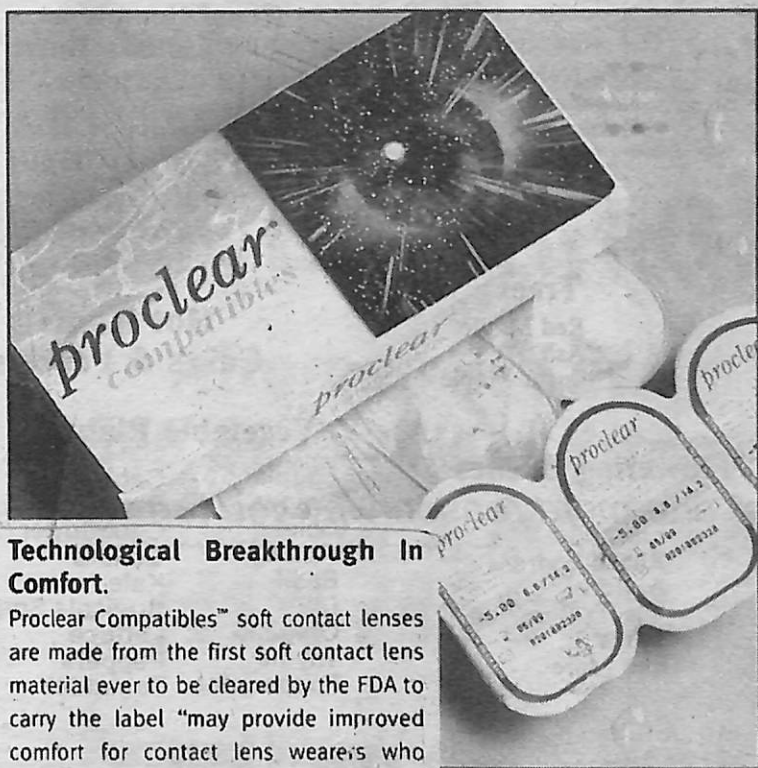
Lani Kretschmar will be Lector. Ushers will be Perry

and Rose McCobb. Samantha Justilian will be our Acolyte. Children are invited to worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Sunday, June 25th is Gift & Promise Sunday. Please try to keep your pledge to this special campaign up-to-date.

On the first two Sundays in July, we will have a special offering to "Strengthen the Church." As Christians, we are called to support new and developing churches. A large portion of our offering will go to pastoral leadership subsidies that will help local congregations. **SEE F.H. CONG. - Page 19...**

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gregations get started.

Another portion is used as a resource for all United Church of Christ congregations to support their ministry and missions. The July newsletter will contain more information about this special offering. If you cannot be in church on the two collection days, you may mail a contribution to the office: P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Names of recent graduates will be listed in the church newsletter. Please let the office know if you have a name you would like included. Also, graduates are reminded that scholarships are available to church members.

Please submit a written request to the Memorial Scholarship Committee. Be sure to include the name of the college you will attend.

On the calendar:

Friday, June 23rd: 6:00-11:00 p.m., Halls rented
Sunday, June 25th: 9:30 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday with Diane Ball; 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption

Tuesday, June 27th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship Committee

Thursday, June 29th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Morning Worship at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) will be at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, June 25th. There is a children's story in the service, following which they go downstairs for Church School.

This will be the final Sunday for the interim minister, The Rev. Dr. Eric W. Bascom. The called pastor, the Rev. Earl Eisenbach, will begin duties on July 1st. Dr. Bascom will speak on the topic "Neither Shy, Nor Retiring."

Please come and say goodbye to Rev. Eric & Beth Bascom. At 10:30 a.m. on June 25th, following our service, we will have a light lunch and short presentation to wish the Bascoms a "happy retirement, again!"

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, "Family Ties," will be held from July 24th through July 28th, with Suanne Hansen in charge.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

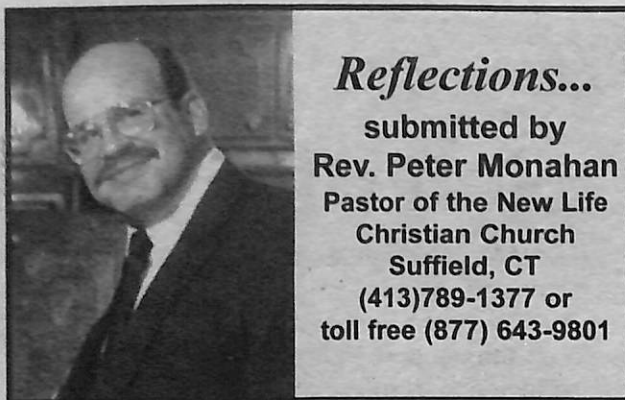
2001 Costa Rica Tour: Anyone interested in a guided trip to Costa Rica in the early part of the year, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063 for more information.

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Trusting God Is Not Always Easy

There was once a man named Job. He was a good man who fell on hard times. He started out as a prosperous man, with a large and happy family. Then, one by one, the good things in his life began to disappear. His property was stolen from him, and his children died in a freak accident. As if that weren't enough, then Job's health began to fail.

As people tend to do in such circumstances, Job tried to figure out what he had done wrong to bring calamity upon himself. The trouble was, Job couldn't figure it out. Then his friends tried to help him figure it out, but they were stumped, too. They tried hard, though. They came up with reason after reason that Job was suffering. They presented all sorts of theories, which on their own were actually theologically sound. They worked hard to make sense of a senseless situation. The problem was, for all of their self-assurance, none of them understood.

Finally, God weighed in on the discussions between Job and his friends. Do you know what He said? He told Job and his friends that they could not understand every profound thing. Sometimes, we humans must accept the fact that we simply don't know everything there is to know. Our knowledge and powers are limited; God's knowledge and power is boundless.

God said to Job and his friends, "Who is this who darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell Me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone - while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?'"

The truth is, life is complicated, and sometimes understanding evades us. At such times, we will find ourselves continuously disappointed if we rely upon

ourselves, or upon human wisdom. Rather than look around for answers, we should look up for help. God's response to Job and his friends was pretty much, "You're just going to have to trust Me on this one."

Trusting God is not always easy; perhaps it's never easy. That is especially so when we think we understand our situation, or that we think we're in control of our circumstances. It was hard for Job and his friends, just as it is hard for us. It was hard for Jesus' friends as well.

That day when evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't You care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Then they were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Jesus' disciples were all familiar with the sea; several of them were even fishermen. Some people might say they shouldn't have been afraid of the storm since they were fishermen by trade. Other would say it made perfect sense for them to be afraid, since they were familiar with the dangers associated with storms. In any event, the fact is the disciples were afraid. Chances are they tried to solve their own problems when the squall first broke out, since the Bible says the boat was nearly swamped by the time they finally asked Jesus for help. They acted just like most of us ordinarily do, looking around and relying upon themselves, rather than trusting in God.

The disciples were astonished at Jesus' power to control the wind and the sea. On the one hand, we find that understandable. We expect we would have been, too. However, we really shouldn't be surprised at Jesus' ability to control even nature itself, and the sea in particular. After all, the Bible tells us that the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. Jesus said, "Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves." And after all, it was God who had said to sea, "This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt." Trusting God is not always easy, but we should strive to, nonetheless. Our knowledge and powers are limited; God's knowledge and power is boundless.

Valley Comm. Church To Conduct Tag Sale

Valley Community Church will hold a tag sale on Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Many different families are setting up tables with articles varying from children's clothing, household goods, books, etc.

There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages for sale.

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If you are interested in setting up a table, call the church at 786-2445. There is a \$15 table fee for those wishing to sell items.

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Three Young Men Confirmed At Valley Community

On Sunday, June 11th, three young men made their confirmation at the Valley Community Church. After a year of studying, **Chris de Jongh, Glenn Hill, and Tyler Pearsons** made statements of faith in Jesus Christ and became active members of the church community.

Deacons Dee Gee Blackman, Jeff Hill, and Lyle Pearsons sponsored the young men and assisted Pastor Gene de Jongh in this solemn ceremony. Church members welcomed the young men with a fellowship following the service.

The Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church which welcomes all who claim Jesus Christ as their savior. If you are looking for a church, why not stop and visit? Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m.

There is a children's worship service at 10:00 a.m. and nursery is available for infants and toddlers. There is a general fellowship time at 10:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Deacons Lyle Pearsons, Jeff Hill, and Dee Gee Blackman (back row) lay hands on new confirmands Tyler Pearsons, Glenn Hill, and Chris de Jongh, as Pastor Gene de Jongh administers the rite of confirmation. The ceremony took place at Valley Community Church, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Sunday, June 11th.

News & Notes From Faith Bible Church

We wish to send congratulations to all graduating seniors from our church as well as other surrounding areas and will be praying for them as they make important decisions for their futures. Many will be traveling and we wish them safe travel.

Our church will be holding a church picnic celebrating the 4th of July on July 2nd after the second service which ends at 12:00 noon. This promises to be a fun-filled day with plenty of food and activities for the children.

We are still awaiting the ground-breaking day which is coming up for our new addition. Each time we all gather, we know how badly we need the extra space. This will truly be a blessing when completed.

Women's Bible Study is still happening on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the church and nursery is always provided. Any women who wish to attend are welcome as each week a different topic is chosen and spoken upon.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

Activities At 1st Baptist Church

The title of Rev. Barnes' sermon for the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday will be "Our Family Together." The Scripture reading will be Psalm 133. During the summer, a special children's church will be provided during adult worship and a "Coffee and Conversation" time will follow.

Our Parent-Child "Play Group" will continue to meet during the summer each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. This church-sponsored activity is planned for parents with children under four years of age. Anyone interested in learning more about this group may call Sandra at 786-6277.

The Handiwork Group will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The Youth Group will continue to meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the summer.

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and can be reached at 413-786-7300.

Calendar Of Events From Sacred Heart

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: There is still time to register your child/children who are in grades K thru 6 for "Vacation Bible Camp." It will take place Monday through Friday, July 24th-28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Come and join us and have a fun-filled week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, play, and food. You can register at the Parish Center Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or at the Rectory from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The donation is \$10. If you cannot make the stated hours, you may call Mrs. Patterson at 789-6705 and she will tell you when to come and register. Come and have fun!

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Fr. John Gawienowski Celebrates His First Mass



FATHER JOHN GAWIENOWSKI (far left) recently celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. Pictured above with Father Gawienowski are his parents, Clotilda and Anthony Gawienowski. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FOLLOWING FATHER GAWIENOWSKI'S FIRST MASS, a reception was held to commemorate his ordination. The reception committee members were (from left) Elaine Taupier, Mickey Adelman, Lil Doyle, and Paula Raiche. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



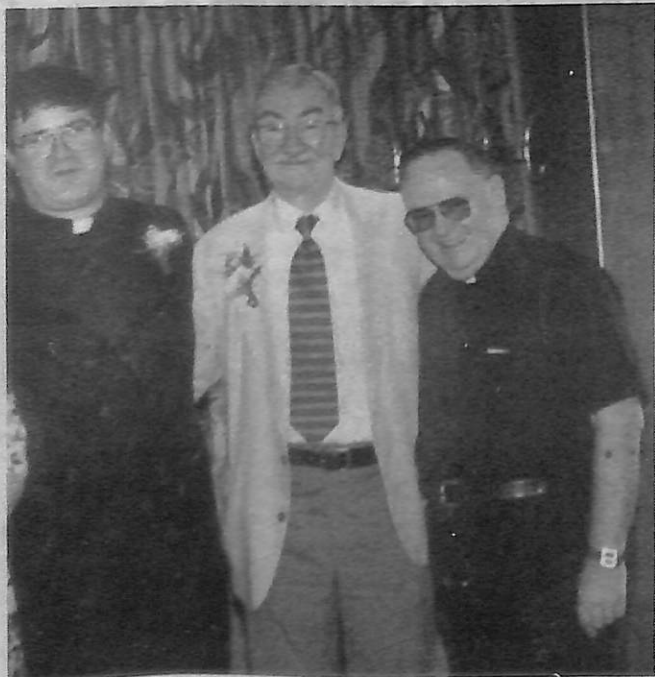
SERVERS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS at Father Gawienowski's reception (from left): Don Sorel, Jim Taupier, Joe Frogameni, and Gerry Parent. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



AT THE WINE TABLE during the reception for Father John Gawienowski (from left to right): Al Taupier, Don Wheeler, Denise Wheeler, and Elaine Taupier. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



"CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER JOHN!!!": From left to right - John Connors (a soon-to-be deacon), Sister Rose Clarisse Gadouryssa, Sister Mary Claire Finn, Father Bill Linney, and Clotilda Gawienowski (Father John's mother). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: At the reception held in his honor, Father John Gawienowski (far left) poses with his father, Anthony, and Father Howard McCormick (pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Spotlight on Business

Agawam Chamber Members Tour Braman Chemical

The Agawam Chamber's monthly Spotlight on Business tour took Chamber members for a look inside Braman Chemical on Almgrem Drive in Agawam's Industrial Park. Braman has been serving New England since 1890, providing state-of-the-art pest elimination procedures.

Established in Boston, the business now has branches throughout New England with a broad commercial and residential customer base.

Many of Braman Chemical pest control firm's management and employees have degrees in both biology and entomology. President of Braman Chemical, Gerald Lazarus explained that these were the major fields of interest to the founding Lazarus family. The tradition of three generations of family-owned business continues the effort to eliminate pests in the home, business, or institution.

Richard Mulcahy of United Process Inc. has been appointed chair of the Town/Business Relations Committee for the coming year and thanked outgoing chair Mike Fiorini for his contributions. Fiorini now serves as treasurer to the Agawam Board of Directors.

The Chamber announced plans for their second annual nine-hole golf social to take place Thursday, September 21st. Committee chair Dick Blomstrom of Canary-Blomstrom Insurance Agency explained that the nine-hole social will provide an excellent opportunity for a short-round of golf and business networking in the early fall. Tee times will be reserved in the afternoon with a light buffet and raffles following play.

For more information, call the Chamber at 787-1555.

Ayre Real Estate Honored By Affiliated Chambers

At a Recognition Banquet held on June 12th at Chez Josef in Agawam, the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce honored Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., of Agawam as a small business for its achievements and contributions.

Members are recognized for their demonstration of longevity as an established business; growth in workforce and revenue; innovation within the business; response to adversity; exceptional contributions to the community; an entrepreneurial spirit; and outstanding Chamber involvement.

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DR. THOMAS FISHER (front) of Braman Chemical introduces Agawam Chamber of Commerce members to a quick overview of the biology and entomology of pest control. From left: Gerald Lazarus, president; Dr. Fisher; John P. Stone, Agawam superintendent of Public Works; Richard Bellico of Feeding Hills, Woronoco Savings Bank; and Robert MacDonald of the Work Opportunity Center In Feeding Hills.

United Cooperative Coming To F.H.

United Cooperative Bank President Raymond J. Labbe has announced that United has made application to the Massachusetts Banking Commission to open a full-service branch office in Feeding Hills.

The new branch, to be located at 1325 Springfield Street in the Community Shops, would bring the number of United's branch locations to 10. A complete range of credit and deposit services would be available at this new location, as well as additional services such as a drive-up, night depository, safe deposit boxes, and an automated teller machine.

"With assets of over \$500,000,000, and commercial loans of over \$136,000,000, our strong growth pattern continues," reports Labbe. "We anticipate that the addition of a branch in Feeding Hills will enable us to provide increased convenience for our

existing customers, as well as providing an excellent opportunity to attract and serve new customers. United's full range of products and level of customer service, which we sincerely believe is superior, will offer Feeding Hills and Agawam residents an important banking alternative."

Full-service branches of the West Springfield-headquartered bank are located in West Springfield, Longmeadow, Westfield, Huntington, and Holyoke, with four in Springfield - downtown (115 State Street), East Springfield, Sixteen Acres, and Indian Orchard. Northampton is home to a loan office.

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Ad Campaign For Cecchi Farms Honored By Art Club

The 1999 advertising campaign created for E. Cecchi Farms of Feeding Hills was honored recently by the Connecticut Art Directors Club at their 25th Annual Awards Show at the Goodspeed Opera House. In the *Newspaper Series, Any Size* category, the campaign "Summer, 1999" received a Silver Award. The ads, created by David Cecchi of Agawam and featuring illustrations by Linda Gardner of Middletown, Connecticut, appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News* last year.

Featuring large details of Gardner's illustration, each ad boldly focuses on one crop, with a minimum of copy. Headline type was set in a font called "Woodcut," which seemed an ideal companion to the scratchboard illustrations. One ad shows a print of blueberries and heralds, "Home of the Blues" while another proclaims "God Bless America and Sweet Corn, too" while three ears of corn poke into the ad.

The year 2000 marks the 10th year that advertising campaigns created for E. Cecchi Farms have been recognized for excellence. In 1990, the farm received the first of several consecutive Gold awards in the Newspaper Campaign category by the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts, which also voted campaigns Best of Show in 1993 and 1994. Previous campaigns have appeared in several of *Print Magazine's* Regional Design Annuals. One was honored with a Silver Award by the Advertising Club of Greater Boston and was featured in *AdWeek* magazine. Campaigns have also previously been recognized by the Connecticut Art Directors Club.

Graphic Designer David Cecchi has designed and written every ad for the farm since 1989, averaging over 20 ads each season. Every year, the focus of the campaign changes slightly - some feature visuals more prominently, others text. Mr. Cecchi's brother, Robert Cecchi, Jr., who manages the farm stand, says, "People come in all the time and comment on the ads. They really love the personal feel to them." His father, Robert Cecchi, Sr., agrees, "We're a little busier every year, so they must be working." Cecchi's other brother, Michael Cecchi, comments, "We've become pretty well known over the years for the high quality of our plants and vegetables. Now we're getting known for the quality of our advertising."

Cecchi himself remarks, "I love doing these ads. I don't think anyone can understand how hard my family works. I think they grow the best plants and produce around, and I try to convey that in every ad. That people look forward to them every week in *The Agawam Advertiser News* means I'm connecting with them. That business is good, is great. My family deserves that. Any awards are just gravy."

Ironically, the campaign most recently honored almost didn't see the light of day. David Cecchi explained, "Last year's ads were a departure from what we'd been doing for the past few years, and some family members weren't too crazy about the new direction. I made a deal with them - if business started to slump, I'd pull them and create something new. Luckily, I didn't need to do that."

The Cecchi family has farmed in Agawam since the

1920's. E. Cecchi Farms, located at 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was founded in 1946 by Anna Cecchi and her late husband, Erminio, and is now run by third and fourth generation growers. Encompassing over 50,000 square feet of greenhouse growing space and over 100 acres under cultivation, E. Cecchi Farms is well known for their huge selection of annual, perennial, herb, and vegetable plants, and their fresh vegetables in season.

David Cecchi's freelance graphic design business, Cecco, was founded in 1987 and is located in Agawam. Mr. Cecchi is a member and past president of the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts, as well as a member of the Connecticut Art Directors Club, the American Institute of Graphic Arts, and the American Center for Design. He is also employed as a graphic designer by TSM Design in Springfield.

The Connecticut Art Directors Club Awards Show is known for its upcompromising standards. Over 800 entries were received this year, while only 13 Gold Awards, 31 Silver Awards, and 160 Awards of Excellence were handed out. Judging the show were: Nancy Skolos and Tom Wedell of Skolos/Wedell, a Boston-based design and photography studio; Mick O'Brien, co-creative director and partner at Allen & Gerritsen, one of New England's fastest growing advertising agencies; and Leslie Evans, founder of Leslie Evans Design Associates of Portland, Maine.



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ZONING LAWS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT HOME-BASED BUSINESSES ... It is not always easy to know what is allowed, since many laws were written years ago and do not deal with

modern, technology-driven businesses. Also, the level of enforcement varies. In some communities, authorities do not interpret laws to limit low-profile businesses. Helpful: Before setting up a business, find out local ordinances and enforcement attitudes. Talk to local accountants and lawyers and people who run home-based businesses to anticipate any problems that may arise.

FIND BETTER BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE ... by treating one day a week, usually Saturday or Sunday, as a vacation. Take the day completely off. To make the day truly one of rest, avoid all conversation about work, yours and your spouse's. A weekly one-day vacation will energize you, improve family relationships, and motivate you to find ways to get more done in less time.

BEYOND YOUR WILL ... Leave a note discussing funeral preferences, listing your assets, and saying where to find your will, insurance policies, and other important documents (explaining where spare keys are kept, and listing computer passwords and safe combinations). Be sure to keep your asset list up to date and provide a list of your major advisors.

WHEN CREDIT CARDS CHANGE OWNERS ... common with the consolidation trend in the banking

industry, fees and interest rates often rise. Beware: Banks are required to give only 15 days' written notice before any changes go into effect, so carefully read all mailed announcements. Self-defense: When terms change, you may have the option to stop using the card and pay off all outstanding debts under the old terms. Opportunity: You often can negotiate a better deal, such as a lower interest rate or a waiver of the annual fee, with the new issuer.

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Sole proprietors have no other employees to back them up, but there may be opportunities to refer work to trusted associates to get time away. If you don't already know some similarly skilled people, you may find suitable partners through professional associations or business directories.

Take advantage of technology to minimize your absence. While the age of technology has introduced a speed-of-light work environment, it also has created ways to help you get away from it all. Most local phone companies offer voice messaging, which lets you retrieve messages from just about anywhere. Another service, call forwarding, automatically redirects calls made to your office from another location - say your vacation home or perhaps an associate who is backing you up.

Of course, cellular phones, pages, e-mail, and teleconferencing allow you to stay in touch with customers and associates as much as you want. Just remember that your reason for being away is to forget business for a while. Soon enough you'll be back to reap your vacation's benefits of fond memories and renewed enthusiasm for your work.

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Peter Pan Launches RiverBus 2000

Peter Pan has launched its "RiverBus" tours along the Connecticut River for the 2000 season, and is introducing several new themed summer evening cruises.

The narrated tours are now in operation weekdays, Monday through Friday, at 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, an additional 10:15 a.m. departure is available.

In June, July, and August, Peter Pan is offering a new series of themed cruises, including Fifties Night on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (\$9.95 per person) with music from the rock and roll era; a River of Blues Cruise (\$15 per person) on Fridays, departing at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. with live blues music provided by "Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze"; an Irish Cruise and dinner (\$26.50 per person) on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.; and a Jambalaya Cruise (\$14 per person) on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. with Zydeco music and Cajun cuisine.

The RiverBus will again feature Mexican Cruise and dinner on Thursdays during the summer months, departing at 6:00 p.m. (\$26.50 per person) with dinner at Nana O'Leary's Restaurant.

A historical and environmental narration provides an entertaining and educational experience for passengers on the regular daily tours of the RiverBus. Tickets are \$9.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children aged three to nine; and free for children three and under.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling (413) 746-6679 or toll-free at (877) 746-6679.

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The minor plaintiff was an 11 year-old girl who was found to have an elevated venous blood level of 117 at age two while residing in the defendant's property. She received three courses of inpatient chelation therapy to help her body excrete the high levels of lead in her bloodstream.

At the time of the settlement, the plaintiff was in the sixth grade, where she was receiving extensive special education services. While her IQ was in the average range, she was performing well below grade level in most academic areas, including reading and math, and exhibited a wide range of cognitive deficits and attentional disorders often associated with lead poisoning.

The case was settled for \$800,000.00, including \$470,000.00 in the form of a structured settlement that will pay the minor plaintiff more than \$3.7 million tax-free if she lives to a normal life expectancy.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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ED BORGATTI, JR. (far right), E.B.'s Restaurant owner, joins Bill Wagner (second from the right), Chicopee Savings Bank president and Easter Seals Annual Campaign chairman, and Chris Hale (third from the right), Westfield Savings Bank, at the Annual Campaign Wrap-Up event that was recently held at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. Also pictured above are (from the left) Betty McCabe, John Walczak, and his son, Joey, all of West Springfield. The Annual Campaign raised over \$60,000 to support services for children and adults with disabilities, such as the swim program that Joey Walczak participates in each week at the Holyoke YMCA.

Heritage Woods To Host Community Education Series

Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community, 462 Main St., Agawam will host the following community education series:

Tuesday, June 27th, 2:00 p.m.: *Massage Therapy* for Elders with Joy Poggi of New Massage Associates.

Friday, June 30th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: *Brown Bag Pharmacy* with Rich LaChappelle of NeighborCare Pharmacy. If you have questions or concerns about the interactions of prescription and/or over-the-counter medications, bring them in a bag and Rich will advise you.

Friday, July 14th, 2:00 p.m.: *Total Self/Body, Mind, Spirit Connection* with Lois Goralski of Heritage Woods.

Monday, July 17th, 10:30 a.m.: *Herbal Medicine/Cure or Cure* with Melissa Holden of Genesis SelectCare

Seating is limited. For all events except the **Brown Bag Pharmacy**, reservations are required. Please call Heritage to reserve your place. The **Brown Bag Pharmacy** is "walk in."

For more information, call 786-9704.

Health Screenings At Mercy Hospital On June 29th

Mercy Hospital will conduct cholesterol and blood glucose screenings Thursday, June 29th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium on the hospital campus, 271 Carew St.

There is a \$10 donation for the cholesterol screening; a \$2 donation is requested for the blood glucose screening. Fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to testing is recommended; results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

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Stroke Support Group Slates Mtg. For June 26th

Stroke survivors, their families and friends are invited to attend the next meeting of the Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital.

The free session will take place Monday, June 26th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St., Springfield. Meetings are conducted on the fourth Monday of each month, offering information and fellowship for persons living with the effects of stroke.

For more information, call group facilitator John Reagan, (413) 748-7187.

Support Groups At Noble Hospital

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 27th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Diabetes Nurse Educator Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, June 28th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

For more information at (413) 562-7049.

Goodness of dads

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

from

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Marriage & Family Therapist

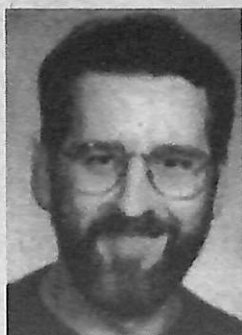
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"My Dad is..."

A 14 year-old young person passed on to me a letter telling me what was **so good about his dad**. He was shy about having it printed in my column, but he said it was okay because he was so proud of his dad and he'd share it if it was going to help someone else.

"My perspective of my dad, over the years, has changed for the better. My dad used to be a very busy and important man on Wall Street. He didn't have much time to play and he definitely didn't have a life. But now, he is the dad I always wanted."

My dad is someone who can move his schedule just for me. He can be fun, immature, playful, serious, and a number of other things. **My dad is** as fun as he could ever be, suggesting things to do when I'm bored. He is willing to play any game or sport. He would almost always be able to drive or bring me and my friends to the mall, stores, movies, anywhere! Speaking of movies, my dad will see almost anything

even if I wanted to, but he didn't. He would make sure I had a good time. While I'm out with him he will usually not act like an adult, unless he has to, but more like an immature teenager. He'll use words like waz' up or chief, words like that, to fit in more. My friends think I got a real cool dad.

One of the things I like most about **my dad** is that he moves and changes his schedule to drop me off and pick me up after school when I need it. Throughout the school year, I have had a number of exams and essays to do. Whenever I really need help studying for a History or Science test, he's always there for me. When it comes to those long essays that I haven't finished typing, he is there to put me up to speed again and again.

He loves teaching me about things he is interested in and learning from me about things I'm interested in. I can talk to him about anything and he really listens to me, most of the time. Even though he is really busy helping other people, **my dad is** there for me and my family! If I had to rate my dad on a scale of one to 10, my dad would be a perfect 11!"

I was moved to tears reading this young person's intimate descriptions of his love for his dad and his dad's love for him. A part of me wanted to immediately discount this perfect dad and dismiss this teenager's view as somehow unrealistic and rose-colored. Then, I wondered, what was going on for me in that?

Was I too afraid of staying with the goodness offered within his lines? Was I startled by his innocence and honesty? Was I challenged to think about

my own pained relationship with my dad? And could I still do something about it while he is still alive?

Yes is my answer to all of the above.

But wasn't Father's Day last week? In effect, isn't it over? The greeting card stores have moved 'dad cards' off their shelves. The media spots and print ads have stopped promoting special restaurant outings and great gift ideas to buy for dad. It's over! Isn't it? Let's move on to getting back to work, school endings, vacation plans, and getting together for the holidays.

What if we said, "Let's not say it's over!" What if we were to daily honor, not only our dads, but what stirs within you and me when we feel our dads in us?

Whatever your relationship is or isn't with your dad, or as a dad yourself with your child(ren), the opportunity exists to live in the present. To me, this means not remaining stuck in the past that determines the future. Present living is about caring for yourself, here and now. It's about attempting to create options for how you'd like to care for your past differently or perhaps enhance the past into creating a better future.

However painful or abundantly good your relationship with your dad, whether still alive or deceased, the challenge is to care for your feelings about dad and you. Is it too late? Are you worth it? Is he worth it? Caring for, at least your side, can be all you can do. It can be the greatest gift of all that could be available to give, even if it isn't welcomed or received.

No dad is perfect and neither are we. **Goodness is available to build upon, but it can get complicated.**



Fitness Tips...

by Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Water Works Wonders...

My main concern is your health and fitness. Your main concern may be to hang out by the pool this summer. I'll make a deal with you; you hang out by the pool and exercise in the water. See? I'm not even asking you to leave the water. As a matter of fact, I encourage you to stay in the water.

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The buoyancy of water helps your body feel almost weightless. By standing in chin-deep water, your

apparent weight is about one-tenth of your true weight standing on land. This support of the water helps your movements become fluid and graceful. Without the clumsiness sometimes associated with exercise, your body is now free to perform the movements needed to tone, strengthen, and improve flexibility. Without the pounding and jarring and straining, everyone can enjoy the benefits of exercise. This buoyancy also adds resistance to every movement performed. With or without equipment, it is possible to lose weight, tone, and strengthen your entire body in the water.

Water not only will heal and calm your body, it will strengthen, tone, and define without any discomfort. Who could ask for more? As you can gather, water provides a fun, safe, and very supportive environment for getting healthy. It is beneficial to all ages, shapes, and sizes. So stay in the pool and move around a lot and have some fun water works.

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Shoulder And Arm Pain...

What causes shoulder and arm pain? The cause of many instances of shoulder or arm pain is obvious. You do something to injure the arm or shoulder and immediately feel pain. Or you begin feeling the pain a day or so later. You may have broken a bone or dislocated your shoulder. Perhaps you strained tendons or ligaments by carrying too much weight for too long; by lifting something that was too heavy; by over-reaching or overexerting your arm, as when playing sports when you're out of shape; by keeping your arm in an awkward position; or even by sleeping on the shoulder. The resulting pain may range from an annoying ache to acute pain that makes it hard for you to use the injured arm.

Fortunately, the majority of such injuries are seldom critical. But there are other, less obvious causes of shoulder or arm pain. Each is distinguished by where it is felt; whether it comes on suddenly or over time; when it is at its worst; if the pain extends to other joints in the body; and if other symptoms (such as swelling, numbness, tingling, fever, fatigue, and insomnia) accompany the pain. The causes of shoulder and arm pain include tendonitis, bursitis, arthritis, and gout. Such pain may also result from a reaction to medications such as penicillin, anti-anxiety drugs, and oral contraceptives. Whiplash injuries, common in auto accidents, can also cause shoulder and arm pain.

Shoulder and arm pain may be referred from some other region of the body, as when someone suffering a heart attack feels pain in the left shoulder and down the left arm. The pain may also be referred from nerves associated with the joints in the upper spine or "trigger points" in the back, which are particularly responsive to chiropractic spinal adjustments designed to treat such problems.

What can chiropractic do? Your chiropractor will examine you and conduct diagnostic tests to determine exactly what is causing your shoulder or arm pain. Because the causes and the seriousness of different conditions are so varied, it is important to pinpoint the cause and begin the most appropriate treatment. He or she will discover if your problem is mild and transitory, or serious and likely to trouble you for a long time. A broken bone cannot be treated in the same manner as bursitis or tendonitis. Arthritis and gout call for different care than pain originating in nerves supplying the shoulder and arm.

Your chiropractor will decide which treatment will be best for you, and if referral to another type of doctor will be necessary.

Feel free to call our office for an appointment. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam ... 789-1369 or 789-1073.

Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.



Chiropractic Care

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Calcium Supplementation...

Last week, we discussed maintaining bone health. This week, we're discussing calcium supplementation. Is it important? Yes, absolutely. But preventing and reversing osteoporosis involves much more than calcium. Bone is dependent on a constant supply of many nutrients such as boron, magnesium, vitamin K, and others. A good multi-vitamin is important for bone health also.

When should a woman start taking calcium? There is a strong correlation between pre-menopausal bone density and the risk of osteoporosis. How strong the bones are before menopause is a significant factor in determining whether or not a woman develops osteoporosis. Strong bones should be a life-long goal for all women. Usually women are not that concerned until a few years before menopause (perimenopause). Fortunately, even taking calcium just prior to menopause has been shown to produce considerable benefit in increasing bone density. In one study, women near menopause age received calcium or a placebo. The group with no calcium lost 3.2% of bone

density in their spine, the calcium-treated groups increased density by 1.6%. These results really stress the importance of calcium supplementation prior to menopause in the battle against osteoporosis.

Can calcium supplementation increase bone density in post-menopausal women with osteoporosis? Not by itself. Calcium does slow the rate of bone loss down by at least 30-50% and offers significant protection against hip fractures. Also, there are no significant health risks with supplementing calcium. For women with confirmed osteoporosis, ipriflavone is a natural approach to maintaining bone health. Several double-blind studies have shown that this naturally-occurring flavonoid (plant pigment) can dramatically halt the progression of bone loss when used in combination with 1,000 mg of calcium.

What is the effective dosage for supplemental calcium? For most women, 600 to 1,200 mg per day. If there is significant bone loss, 1,000 to 1,500 mg/day.

What is the best form of calcium? What is not good is oyster shell, bone meal, or calcium hydroxyapatite. These calcium supplements may contain lead or have a lower absorption compared to others. These calcium supplements are well-absorbed and have the lowest lead content: calcium citrate, calcium fumarate, calcium malate, calcium succinate, calcium aspartate, and calcium carbonate.

Remember, overall bone health includes more than just calcium supplementation. Good diet, exercise, no smoking, and limiting smoking and alcohol all are important.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

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Local Kindergarten Pupils Treated To "Puss In Boots"

Approximately 160 kindergarten students from Suffield were recently treated to two performances of "Puss in Boots" by the Teen Theatre Ensemble at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Fourteen kindergarten students, pre-selected by their teachers, were greeted at the backstage door by the teen performers, placed into costume, and taught

a few simple lines for recitation in the production. They played the roles of farmers, vine dressers, reapers, rabbits, pheasants, horses, and court money counters. The rest of the students were given colored pieces of cloth and represented the fields and vineyards.

This lively tale of a talking cat who sets out to make his master rich was filled with slapstick and comedy

that kept the youngsters laughing and cheering. The story was adapted from a Grimm fairy tale by Gene de Jongh, pastor of the Valley Community Church, who portrayed the role of Clydesdale (an Oliver Hardy type character) who is a member of the queen's court. His counterpart, Dimmwitty (a Stan Laurel type) was played by Lyle Pearsons. These characters bumped and bumbled their way to the delight of the children.

High School Rock Bands Wanted For "Battle Of The Bands"

Attention all high school rock & roll bands! The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Monster Jam Battle of the Bands on July 29th.

Ten bands will be chosen to showcase their talents and compete for prizes. The first-place band will receive \$100 cash, \$100 gift certificate to Gordon LaSalle Music, and three hours' recording time at The Warehouse in West Springfield.

In order to participate, bands must submit an official entry form and a demo tape, along with a non-refundable \$25 entry fee. Any band interested in playing at this event is encouraged to pick up an entry form at the Agawam Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, or at Gordon LaSalle Music Shop, 326 Walnut Street, Agawam.

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To The Class Of 2000...

As innumerable orchestras ready their renditions of *Pomp and Circumstance*, I have readied three films about every student's favorite subject this time of year ... school! Actually, these three films will prove to be reminiscent of all the good times you had in high school. Even though the plots center around hookie, detention, and rebellious youth, the setting and characterizations in these films are sure to be quite humorous and retrospective for all graduates. Enjoy and congratulations to you all!

* **"Ferris Bueller's Day Off": 1986, Rated PG-13.**

We all remember playing hookie, surely at least once, during our tenures as students. Matthew Broderick stars in the title role of this film that turns playing hookie into a new art form.

The simplistic yet entertaining storyline focuses on the activities of three students during a "day off" from school. The film's humor comes from the exaggerated schemes perpetuated by the trio, such as stealing dad's expensive car, falsifying school documents, and posing as a parent.

This extreme form of exaggeration, used by director John Hughes, proves to be quite effective in getting laughs. Since most of the film, in essence, demonstrates patterns of situational comedy, it seems only logical that Hughes would opt to exaggerate the actions of the students.

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" will remind you of all the crazy things you did with your friends in school. So if you are feeling sentimental about graduating, take another trip down memory lane with this well-conceived, funny movie. **4 STARS.**

* **"The Breakfast Club": 1985, Rated R.**

This is John Hughes' earlier film about the dreaded after-school detention, and it centers around a group of high school students who form an alliance during a long detention. Their common adversary: the teacher.

The film is filled with humor much like that of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," in that it deals with the students-versus-authority theme. This is a major source of humor in the film, given that the students and teacher are together in many sequences.

Variety regarding character development also plays a role in maintaining audience involvement. Consequently, there is sure to be someone anyone can relate to among the motley crew. Once this happens, empathy for that character develops and it is during this time that you may feel especially nostalgic about high school.

"The Breakfast Club" boasts fine performances by Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson, Ally Sheedy, and Anthony Michael Hall as the eclectic ensemble of detained students. Also worth noting is the soundtrack, which contains many hits from the mid-1980's. **4 STARS.**

* **"Fast Times At Ridgemont High": 1982, Rated R.**

Here is a film that will really remind you of all the fun you had! Based on Cameron Crowe's book, "Fast Times At Ridgemont High" centers around a group of California students who spend much of their time

scouting the mall and getting into trouble.

The film primarily centers around an underachiever named Spicoli, played quiet impressively by Sean Penn, and his classmates. (Look for Eric Stoltz and Nicolas Cage - then Nicholas Coppola - in their motion picture debut roles.)

This film's appeal comes from its funny yet decisive approach to representing teenage life in high school. At times it may seem shockingly factual, but nonetheless accurate. It is this boldness that enables viewers to find humor in the actual characters, instead of strictly in the situations that the characters are placed in.

"Fast Times At Ridgemont High" is a very energetic movie. You'll feel somewhat exhilarated as you watch the characters do things you used to do in school. For this reason, I feel graduates will have a special appreciation for this film. **3 STARS.**

* **"PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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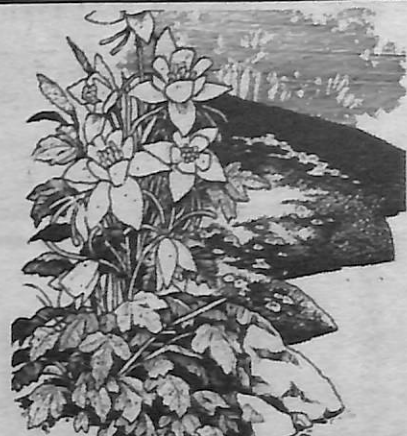
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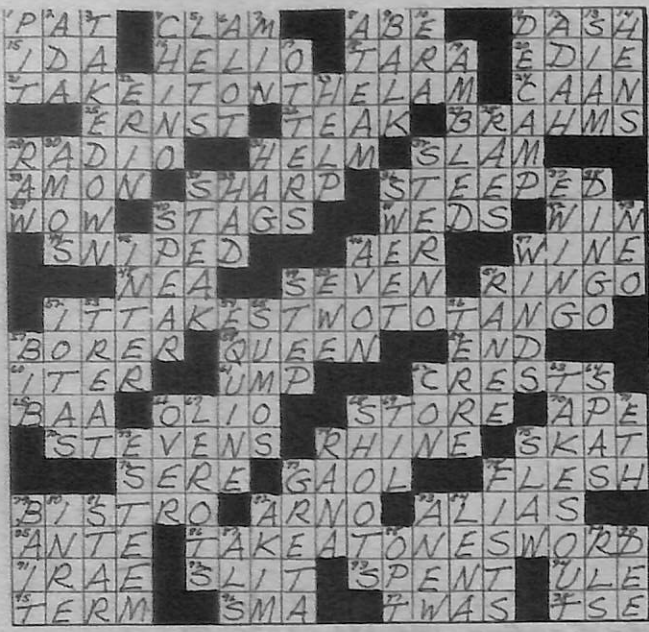
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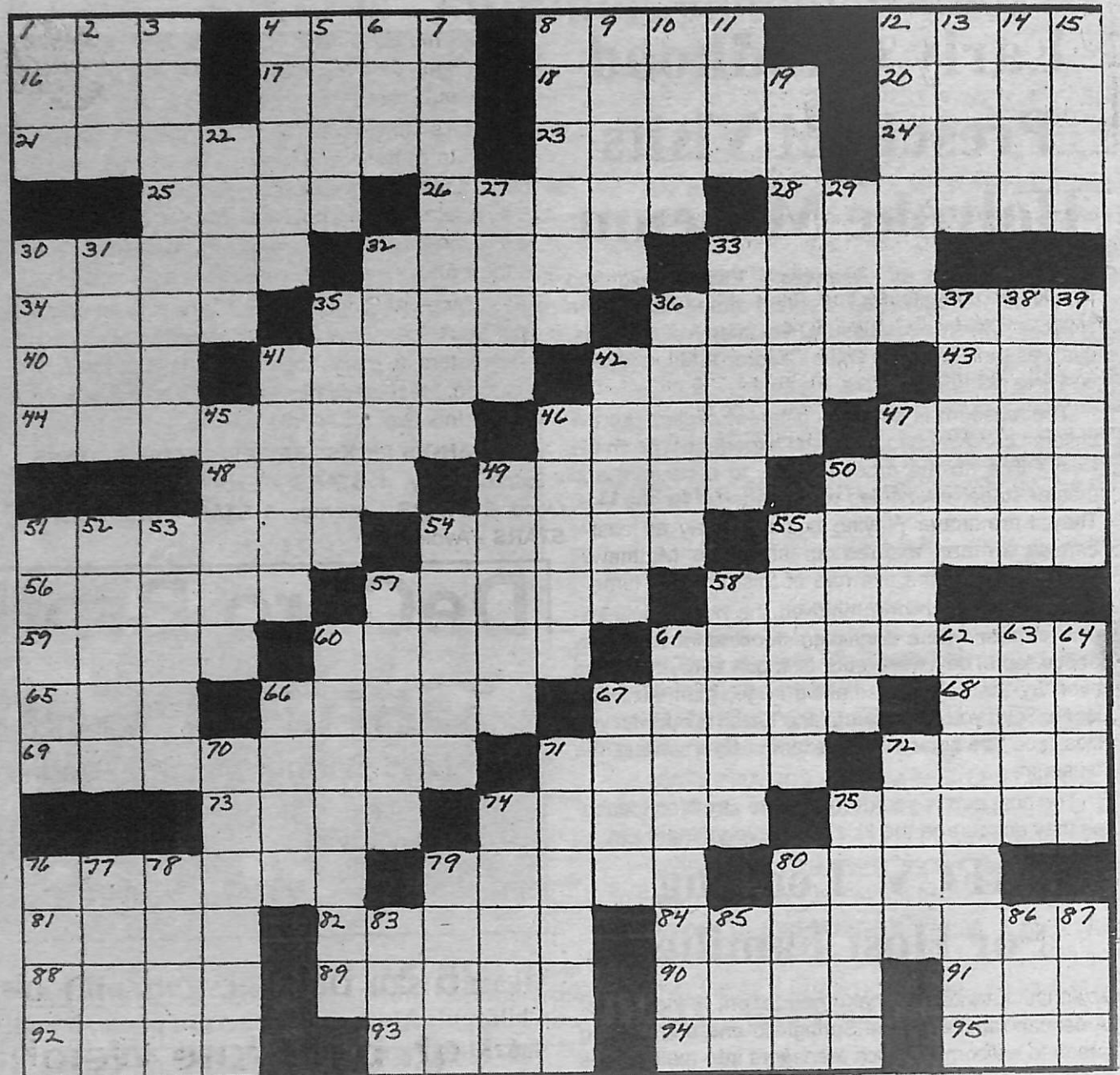
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Education

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The museum is set up in different centers, so the children can play and learn and experience. From the Post Office, to the grocery store, to restaurant and theater stage, everything was hands-on for the kids. They were actually able to build a house, crawl through a maze, experience an ambulance, and all types of fun.

Many of the children enjoyed the huge, multi-leveled climber where they could look down from way above top. They were able to touch everything and even try their skills at making huge, giant-size balloons. So, if you are looking for a fun time out with you kids, you are guaranteed a terrific time visiting the museum.

The best part is you don't have to say "don't touch" as they encourage the kids to try everything!!!

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AFCV, an international organization, is looking for American families in the Springfield and surrounding areas to welcome French teenagers into their homes for three weeks during this summer.

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AFCV is dedicated to the cultural and linguistic development of young people through international travel. They specialize in school group and individual exchanges throughout Europe and are now providing

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MEMBERS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER recently paid a visit to the Holyoke Children's Museum. Teachers in photo, from left -Miss Lynn (kneeling), Miss Kerry, Miss Sue, Miss Patty, and Miss Cindy.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Summer

Ah, blessed summer!!! Just the sound of the word makes me smile. It is a time to renew, to refresh, to be lazy, to soak up the sun, and to do all those things I didn't have time to do during the school year. Of course, I never really do all the things I think that I am going to do, but I think about them and have good intentions.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have read my columns and have taken time to seek me out or call me on the phone to let me know how you felt about an article. You and your children are truly my best teachers. You have made me more aware of feelings, of listening, of the problems we face, and of the biggy ... just being human. For this, I am grateful. I have enjoyed working with so many of you and have rejoiced in your victories.

Now that summer is here, I hope that you will be able to take some deep breaths, look around, really see what's there, take stock of yourselves and your children, and just exalt in being. Somehow during the summer, the pace seems to become a little slower and our minds become a little sharper. I guess this is because we are able to take a little time out, smell the roses, and not clutter our heads with too much.

In other words, we are not on overload. This is also a good time to really get in touch with your children. Over a picnic lunch, perhaps on a hike, maybe while you're fishing, or shopping at the mall, you will have time to talk, to share, to listen, and to show you care. You will not have one eye on the clock, nor will your child. So do embrace those times together and enjoy the moments of bonding.

Summer also gives your child the opportunity to take some enrichment courses, to improve some skills, and to explore new territories of interest.

Yes, it's up to you to enjoy the summer. Do make time for yourself; give yourself time to recharge. Believe me, if you are not able to get to everything on your "to do list," the things will wait for you and be there in the fall.

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TIME AND DAYS: Classes will be every day, Monday through Friday, beginning July 10th and ending August 4th. Class time is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 each class (residents and non-residents).

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Sports

Season Review...

Brownies Baseball Loaded Up For 2001

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They say it's tough to repeat a championship season. So it was for the Agawam High boys' baseball team. Last year's Western Mass. champions missed defending their crown after a 10-9 semi-final loss to the eventual 2000 champion, Cathedral.

But the Brownies (seeded eighth) gave it a go, beating ninth-seeded Westfield, 3-1, in the first round, then downing top-seeded Longmeadow, 11-2, in the quarter-finals before falling to the fifth-seeded Panthers.

Coach Peter Clark finished up his third year at the helm. During his time as the varsity coach, he has compiled a 46-22 (.676%) record, including a 5-3 playoff slate. During his time, the Brownies have appeared in the playoffs three straight years, winning Western Mass. in 1999.

This year's team, which finished up at 14-9, shared the Valley League title at 5-3 with Cathedral, Chicopee Comp, and Holyoke. They also shared that title last year with Chicopee Comp. The Brownies will be saying so long to five kids who figured big, not just this year but also in the championship season. **Brian St. Jean** (see profile in this issue) will be taking his great talents to the University of Tennessee this fall.

Also gone will be **Derek Mercadante**. Mercadante was the regular third baseman and stood out at the plate (322 BA, 10 RBI). While his skills were important on the field, they also extended to the mound. He finished with a 2-3 record. Perhaps his biggest game of the year was his fine job in Agawam's playoff win over Longmeadow.

This past spring, Mercadante pitched 30 innings, faced 139 batters, striking out 21 and walking 17. Of his 15 runs given up, 11 were earned for a 2.57 ERA. In college, Mercadante plans to study sports management.

Also leaving will be veteran rightfielder **Brian Chechile**. He leaves with a .258 BA and nine runs scored. He was a plus in right field, where his speed allowed him to track down more than one ball that seemed headed for the hinterlands. He's be attending the University of Hartford to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

Jack Pearson (250 BA, 12 RBI, 13 runs) will also leave. He was a steady, sure-handed infielder who usually played second base. Pearson, also a fine skier, will attend either UMass or the University of

New Hampshire with a major in hotel and resort management (with an eye towards one day owning his own restaurant).

Finally, another veteran, **Scott Harlin** (231 BA, 18 runs scored, five stolen bases), who played most of the season in leftfield, will be gone. Harlin also pitched on occasion. He'll be going to Westfield State to major in business.

Next Year's Returnees...

The guys the Brownies have coming back in 2001 should put them right near the top of the heap again. And add a year to each of these kid's resumes when you read this. Junior **Corey Federico** held well behind the plate. He came on the scene last season as a sophomore. What impressed people most about him were his defensive skills. Those skills got even better this season. He caught every game (23) and batted .196.

"That average is really misleading. Corey always seemed to be getting on base," Clark said. Indeed, the junior's on-base percentage was .471 (second only to St. Jean's .474). Part of it had to do with his great patience at the plate (a team-leading 23 walks).

First base saw a command performance by **Tony LeClair**, who was moved to that position after playing the 1999 campaign at third. "First has always been my natural position," he said.

LeClair led the team in plate appearances with 82. He belted out 29 hits (including five home runs) along with batting in a team-leading 29 runs while scoring 17. It all led to a .354 BA (fourth on the team) and a .671 slugging percentage, second only to St. Jean. His 55 total bases led the baseball Brownies.

Junior **Brandon Donovan**, who can play a variety of infield positions, showed well at short. His 81 plate appearances was second on the team. Donovan batted a hefty .383. He was the team's hit leader with 31. Donovan was second in RBI's with 21, second in runs scored with 21, and second in stolen bases (seven).

Centerfield was anchored by junior **Aaron Gilbert**, who is, without a doubt, the swiftest kid on the team. He could cover ground like a windstorm. Gilbert led the team in stolen bases (15). He turned in a .343 BA and was second on the team with a .459 OBP. He batted in 15 and led in runs scored with 34.

The above are the ones who will keep Clark dancing in the streets. Others contributed. Because a

baseball team (at any level) usually lives or dies with the folks who take the hill, Agawam had some main men who will figure big.

Junior lefty **Ben Lapins**, one of the big heroes of last year's championship season, turned in a 1-1 slate. He came up with tendonitis in his pitching arm early in the season and wasn't available again until very late. Despite only 13-1/3 innings of work, he dusted 20 and came in with a 5.25 ERA. He was held out due to the medical wisdom of athletic trainer Dave Stratton.

"We weren't going to pitch him again until we felt he was ready," Stratton said. Lapins was well enough to throw an inning or two towards the end of the year, including a stellar relief appearance in the playoff game against Longmeadow - three strikeouts and no hits in two innings of work in the 11-2 Brownie win.

Junior **Marc Barcomb** came in with a 3-3 record and a 5.06 ERA. He struck out 16 and faced 173 batters (second on the team). He gave up 34 runs, with 26 of them earned in his 36 innings pitched (second on the team). Barcomb showed well, despite the fact that he was called upon in very tough situations with runners on base.

Junior **Dan Boissonneault** came in at 2-0 with a 2.71 ERA. Another junior, **Lou Conte**, went 1-0 with a 3.61 ERA. Conte can also play the infield, especially third base. He batted .240 with six hits in 25 plate appearances, including a homerun and eight RBI's.

Two rising stars are junior **Shawn Mercadante** and freshman **Matt Rheault**. Mercadante (.385 BA on spot duty) played third when called upon by Clark.

But Rheault just might be the jewel. He came in towards the end of the season for his bat. Junior varsity Coach Chris Chechile, a former Brownie baseball standout, took notice of Rheault's talents: "He has a good stick. We needed that."

Rheault came to play the leftfield spot and - in 30 trips to the plate - has 12 hits, drove in nine, scored eight, and turned in a batting average of .400. He is just a wet-behind-the-ears kid, but if a short showing is any indication, he has all the tools to do huge damage for AHS over the next three years.

In the end, Agawam has a team batting average of .306. Their pitching staff allowed 95 runs (4.1 per game). They scored 173 runs in 23 games (7.5 RPG).

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The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund 2000 Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 9th at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

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Season Review...

AHS Softball Certain To Be Among Elite In 2001

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the most consistent athletic programs for many a moon in Western Mass. has been the Agawam High girls' softball team.

In 11 years under Coach Deb Lickley, they have gone to the playoffs 10 times, missing only the 1991 tournament. They also have a Western Mass. title (1998) plus a bunch of division crowns.

This year, the team - made up mostly of juniors and sophomores - finished up at 14-6 and once again made the tournament, going in as the sixth seed. They beat 11th-seeded Northampton in the first round, but lost a frustrating quarter-final battle to number-three West Springfield High, a team that had the Brownies' number all season long.

Agawam will lose only three seniors. However, they are three key kids, and two of them are veterans of many softball wars. Four-year varsity standout catcher **Dianna DiStefano** will be perhaps the biggest loss. DiStefano, a two-time All-Western Mass. selection and on the team again this year, ran things on the field with equal amounts of talent, guile, and guts. She truly understood the game, according to Lickley. DiStefano hopes to continue her career at Stonehill College this fall.

Jen Lyman held down leftfield this season, and in the final games ended up playing shortstop for the

injured Jill Gendron. Lyman was a steady outfielder her entire career. Utility player **Jen Burke** will also leave. Burke was the designated player for much of the year. She could also fill in at an assortment of positions, depending on the situation. Her versatility gave the coach some options.

Who Will Fill The Vacancies?

While it will be tough to fill the vacancies, the kids coming back should ease some of the pain. Freshman **Vicky Taylor** showed she could handle the first base job. And at 5'10-1/2", she can reach balls other kids might miss. **Keegan Clark**, a junior, handled second base and also filled in at various outfield positions. The experience will help her next season. Shortstop is all set. That position is the domain of All-Western Mass. standout **Jill Gendron**. Gendron, who will be a senior next year, had a frustrating finish to this one. She sustained a leg injury two-thirds through the season and had to ride the pine through the pressure-filled final games and the playoffs. Her presence in the field and at the plate was sorely missed.

Junior **Caitlin Conte** just kept getting better as the season progressed and looks to have the hot corner all to herself. Veteran **Amanda Merola** will be back in centerfield. Her speed at that position and in the lead-off spot will make her one of the most valuable returnees.

Tiffany Blackman, who plays second and also pitches, will return as a senior. She filled in admirably at the end of the season when the Brownies suffered sudden pitching woes, and also can play the infield with plenty of flair.

Lisa Bienia and **Jen Bishop** will be back as seniors. Both are competent outfielders and will provide even more senior leadership in 2001.

As in baseball and perhaps even more in softball, pitching is the name of the game. The Brownies, behind sophomore **Kate Ludwig** and junior **Danielle Bachini** in a spot start role, ran off seven straight victories to open the season and were 10-4 halfway through their league schedule (two of those losses came on a trip to Cape Cod).

However, the pitching down the stretch wasn't quite as good as it had been at the get-go, as West Springfield proved in two league contests and one playoff game. That position will need work if Agawam wants to get back to the Western Mass. finals. Ludwig, who when she's good is very good, will need to work on that hitch in her delivery. Blackman showed promise at the season's end, even though she hadn't pitched for a great part of her career. Bachini, with a year under her belt, should improve and give the team valuable innings when called to the hill.

Vicki Sleeper Golf Tourney On July 15th

On Saturday, July 15th, Fitness First will hold its eighth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings woman's shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so interested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.

Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker Farms around 7:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills and Nevada Bob's in West Springfield. If you would like to sponsor a tee or green or have an application sent/faxed to you, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or email www.fitnessfirsthealthclub.com.

AIC Slates Day Camp For Girls' Basketball

American International College will be hosting a day camp for girls' basketball players on July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The camp will be for girls entering grades five through 12 and will specialize in improving one's shooting skills.

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Profile...

Laura Reveruzzi - An Outstanding Defender For Girls' Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Laura Reveruzzi was an outstanding defender for Agawam High girls' lacrosse in the spring 2000 season. She graduated Sunday, June 11th and took some time out to talk about her time as a Brownie.

Laura celebrated her 18th birthday on December 18th. She spent all four years of her secondary education at Agawam High.

Courses for her final semester included AP biology, AP English, advanced math, honors Italian IV, and the school's yearbook, where she worked on the layout staff. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll Society.

Her favorite course was AP biology.

Vladimiro (Italian) was her number one teacher.

Laura will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia this fall. Her major will be biology. She would like to become a pediatrician.

Lacrosse was her sport. She played on the varsity for three years.

Her most memorable sports moment came this season when they almost beat powerhouse (WMass champ and state runner-up) Longmeadow High at

Harmon Smith Field, before losing 7-6 with a minute left.

She had this to say about the just completed season that saw the Brownies get into the playoffs for the fourth straight year before losing to Longmeadow, 10-3 in the first round of the tournament: "Once again, we played well as a team and all of us seemed to be on the same page for the most part. While we would all have liked to have gone deeper into the tournament, it was still another successful year for us."

Any kind of spaghetti would be her favorite food.

Blue is Laura's color of choice.

Her car would be a red 1999 Mustang convertible.

She either likes to hang out at her friends' houses or at the Holyoke Mall.

She likes clothes that are preppy (casual). She shops for them at American Eagle.

Sarah MacLachlan is her favorite singer.

Friends is the TV show she prefers. Laura's favorite flick is *Pretty Woman*.

Patricia is her mom. Her dad's name is Jim. She has a sister, Lisa, who is currently attending Bay Path



LAURA REVERUZZI

College. Lisa was a varsity basketball player at AHS. Her brother, Brenton (14), will start at Agawam High in September.

She looks up to her mom.

Now that it's all over, Laura hopes she'll be remembered by her former classmates as a friend and a hard worker.

Girls' varsity lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve said Laura was a mainstay of the defense, was unselfish, and played with a great deal of intensity.

Basketball World Day Camp To Host NBA Coaches & Scout

Basketball World will conduct basketball day camps at Suffield Academy, August 7th-11 and at Suffield Conference Center, August 14th-18th.

The day camps, which are for boys and girls ages seven through 17, are under the direction of Toronto Raptors' Advance Pro Scout Paul Wissel and Detroit Pistons' Assistant Coach Scott Wissel. Special Guest Instructor at the camps will be New Jersey Nets' Assistant Coach Hal Wissel.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

New Evidence That Fishing Fever Is Inherited...

Agawam's own Ray Tessicini accompanied me on a recent Connecticut River outing for stripers. The early 4:00 a.m. launch time found the river flat, calm, and promising.

Ray is a third-generation member of the Agawam Sportsmen's Club and is the one who has arranged for the promotion of their activities in the column.

Being an accomplished fisherman, Ray was right at home on the river that he has fished since childhood. What was new to him was the size of the striper run that we are enjoying as the river continues to be cleaned up.

In the Holyoke to Chicopee stretch, the current was moving fairly fast, and the live herring always wanted to swim together (usually under the boat or someplace else just as inconvenient).

As a way of controlling the drift, an anchor can be used to slow the drift down. We used a small mushroom anchor and just enough rope to allow it to hit bottom, but not to dig in.

By slowing the boat, the baits will end up behind the boat; will not be as liable to tangle; and will be far enough from the boat that the stripers will not be spooked by the boat's shadow.

Ray's first fish was a hard-fighting schoolie that was released carefully to grow up into a line-buster in coming years. Catch and *careful* release is important. The stress of a hard fight can leave your fish weakened. Try and handle the fish as little as possible, and if it's hooked deeply, cut the line as close to the hook as possible. The fish's body fluids will corrode the hook out in a matter of a few days.

It pays off to be observant while fishing. Ray's keen eyes spotted a feeding binge across the river from where we were fishing. Glancing over, it was a striper driving a school of herring to the top and slashing his way through the panicked fish in PacMan style.

Heading up-river from the feeding fish and drifting down quietly resulted in immediate action. Just remember - when you do see feeding activity, don't

go charging directly into the action or you will spook the fish right out of the area.

Although we did not take any really big fish that morning, it was a lot of fun. The largest striper of the day was caught off the shores of Agawam, near the treatment plant. While it was an inch short of keeping-size, it put up one heck of a fight and is one of the healthiest-looking fish I have seen in recent times; broad shoulders, clear eyes, good coloration, and a pot belly full of herring.

Thanks for some good company on the water, Ray!

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes - Kurt at Saunders Marina reports bass fishing is heating up. Plastic worms and spinnerbaits are taking their share of bass. Weekend boat traffic is getting heavy, but weekdays and evenings are providing excellent fishing opportunities.

Connecticut River - Edgar at Jones Ferry Marina tells of many fishermen coming in to the Marina with some big stripers. Jumbo smallmouth are everywhere, along with some very respectable largemouth. Stripers are being taken at the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook, with some remaining at the Enfield Dam. Poppers and surface-walkers (like the new Top Dog by L&S Lures) are taking their fair share of fish. Farm ponds are becoming heavily weeded and are producing some fine largemouth fishing throughout the valley.

SALT WATER

Bait fishermen using live eels are whacking line-sides all along the coast. Bluefish are making appearances near the mouth of the river at first light.

Cape Cod stripers have moved into Cape Cod Bay and the canal. Chatham Light and other traditional hot spots are giving up some real bruisers, along with the numerous schoolies. Some bluefish action has been reported by boat fisherman from Martha's Vineyard to the upper Cape.

Rhode Island and Long Island Sound - The word here is that another banner season for stripers is at hand. Surf fishermen are scoring on live eels and the traditional assortment of plugs. Boat fishermen are taking fish at the rip's near Cornfield Point. Some really hefty bass are being reported.

Capt. Greg Mercurio of the Yankee Captains reports that the offshore cod action has been hot and heavy whenever the weather cooperates. The pick has been mostly market-sized cod with few throwbacks.

Ahh ... so many fish, so little time!

SHAA Softball

Standings (As Of June 19th)

13-17 TEAMS	W	L	T
E.B's/Red	10	1	1
Alvin's/Navy	6	5	0
Agawam Federal Credit Union/Green	6	4	1
Sand Trap/Orange	4	7	0
Fitness First/Maroon	1	10	0

10-12 TEAMS	W	L	T
Travel Connection/Red	8	2	0
Jubco Landscaping/Green	8	2	0
Tolli's Pizza/Navy	5	4	1
River Auto/Maroon	4	5	0
Stop & Shop Teal	2	6	1
Dayga Printing/Orange	1	9	0

Ag. Little League Final Regular Season Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	13	3
Service Matters Dodgers	13	3
McNair Business Machine		
Mets	12	4
Bridgeport National Bindery		
Royals	7	9
Teddy Bear Pools & Spas		
Yankees	6	10
Six Flags New England		
Orioles	6	10
Cambridge Credit Counseling		
Red Sox	4	12
Berkshire Power Indians	3	13

Agawam Babe Ruth League Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Berkshire Power Padres	9	1
Bridgeport Bindery Yankees	8	1
Carlson GMAC Rockies	4	6
AIC Red Sox	3	6
Bill Walsh Royals	3	7
Fran's Restaurant Indians	3	9

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Little League Minor League Standings (As Of June 18th)

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L
B&D Petroleum Red Sox	11	2
Geissler's Supermarket		
Orioles	9	4
Fitness First Indians	5	8
Coldwell Banker Royals	4	9
Allen Lawnmower Yankees	4	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L
Luigi's Pizza Brave	12	1
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Agawam Women's Softball League

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Olive Oil's	11	0	0	22
Southworth	7	3	0	14
Teddy Bear Pools	6	5	0	12
Checkards	5	6	0	10
ARP	3	8	0	6
Breakers	0	10	0	0

All games are played at Agawam High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Game times are 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. Make-ups are scheduled on Wednesdays.

UPCOMING GAMES

June 28th: Breakers vs Teddy Bear Pools; Olive Oil's vs Southworth; ARP vs Checkards.

June 29th: Checkards vs ARP; Teddy Bear Pools vs Breakers; Southworth vs Olive Oil's.

AHS's 2000 Freshman Baseball Team



BACK ROW: Coach Kevin Daley, Joe Clark, Ryan Lottermoser, David Bienia, Mike Locke, Sebastian Verelste, Mike Bachini, Nick Krolicki, and Andrew Wynne. **FRONT ROW:** Bruce LeClair, Mike Pickett, Sean McKeever, Mario Maloni, Paul Pilegi, and Sal Santaniello. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

The Leaders Of Boys' Track At AHS



AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET FOR THE 2000 season boys' varsity track team, which was recently held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield (from left to right): Head Coach Bill Dillon, team captains Justin Mercieri and Ryan Malanson, and Assistant Coach Joe Bianca. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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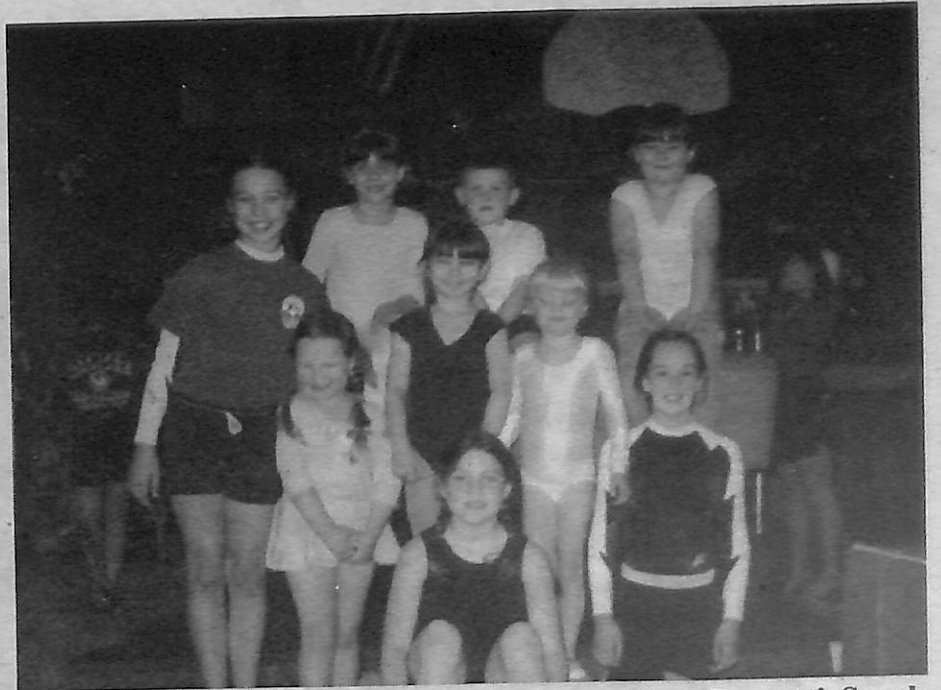
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TEAM PICTURE (at left): back row - Alli Stokowski, Meghan Little, and Stephanie Obue; middle row - Nicole Margiotta, Alison Dassatti, Sarah Huffman, Tami Burmeister, Maryann Connor (Assistant Coach), Lisa Couture, and Dolores Cuccovia; front row - Coach Jessica Hansen, Samantha Fruwirth, Leah Mutti, Jordan Pike, Nicole Payeur, Mikayla Gonzales, Meagan Pike, and Head Coach Tim Hamlett; down front - Adam Stokowski (missing from photo: Sara Caplette, Felicia Tran, Victoria Tran, and Alli Morris). **CLASS PICTURE** (at right): back row - Katie Jergenson, Jesse Jergenson, and Brielle Stone; middle row - Samantha Fruwirth (helper), Callie Fruwirth, Alexis Stone, Katherine Paltz, and Megan Pike (helper); front row - Whitney Johnson (missing from photo: Vibiana Tran).

Spfld. Turnverein Gymnasts Compete In Last Meet

The Springfield Turnverein Gymnastics team competed in their last meet during the weekend of June 3rd and 4th. This was a two-day event in which the team competed in gymnastics, Track and Field, Rope Climb, Model and Mass Drill (the last two being Turner traditions). Here below is a summary of how the team did for the weekend.

Boys 11 and Older

Middle: I just felt I should point out that due to the small number of boys competing, Adam is a seven year-old competing against boys 11 and older.

Adam Stokowski - 3rd on Floor, Vault, Rings, Parallel Bars, Pommels, and All-Around, **1st on High Bar** - 3rd in Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, Standing Jump, Running Long Jump, Shot Put, and Decathlon, 2nd in Rope Climb.

Girls 9-11: In Track and Field, the girls compete against their age group, not just skill level (33 girls).

Lower: There were about 20 girls in this group, by far the largest in the meet.

Lisa Couture - 7th on Floor, 6th on Bars, Beam, Vault, and All-Around - 28th in Softball Throw, 10th in the 75 Yd. Dash, 6th in Septathlon, 5th in Rope Climb, and 3rd in Standing Jump.

Jordan Pike - 12th on Bars, 11th on Floor, 10th on Beam, 9th in All-Around, and 4th on Vault - 27th in Softball Throw, 19th in 75 Yd. Dash, 15th in Standing Jump, 8th in Septathlon, and 7th in Running Long Jump.

Advanced Lower

Meagan Pike - 7th in Beam, Floor, Vault and All-Around, 2nd on Bars - 26th in 75 Yd. Dash, 20th in Standing Jump, 8th in Shot Put, 7th in Septathlon, 3rd in Softball Throw, and **1st in Rope Climb**.

Middle

Alli Stokowski - 6th on Bars, 5th in All-Around, 4th on Beam and Floor, and 3rd on Vault - 23rd in Standing Jump, 16th in Softball Throw, 15th in 75 Yd. Dash, 6th in Septathlon, 5th in Shot Put.

Samantha Fruwirth - 6th in Beam, Floor and All-Around, 4th on Bars - 25th in Standing Jump, 5th in Septathlon, 3rd in 75 Yd. Dash, and 2nd in Softball Throw.

Upper

Meghan Little - 5th on Beam, Floor and All-Around, 4th on Bars and Vault - 24th in Softball Throw, 22nd in 75

Yd. Dash, 9th in Standing Jump, 8th in Running Long Jump, and 5th in Septathlon.

Stephanie Obue - 3rd on Bars, Beam and Vault, and 2nd on Floor and All-Around - 11th in Rope Climb, 6th in Standing Jump, 5th in Running Jump, 4th in Shot Put, 2nd in 75 Yd. Dash and Septathlon, and **1st in Softball Throw**.

Girls 12-14: In Track and Field, the girls competed against their age group, not skill level (23 girls).

Lower: **Sara Caplette** - 2nd on Floor and Vault, **1st on Bars, Beam and All-Around** - 23rd in Softball Throw, 17th in Standing Jump, 7th in 75 Yd. Dash, and 2nd in Septathlon.

Middle

Alison Dassatti - 7th in Bars and All-Around, 6th on Vault and Beam, and 5th on Floor - 23rd in 75 Yd. Dash (Injury), 22nd in Standing Jump, 9th in Softball Throw, 8th in Rope Climb, and 7th in Septathlon.

Nicole Payeur - 7th on Beam, 5th in All-Around, 4th on Floor and Bars, and 3rd on Vault - 22nd in 75 Yd. Dash (Watching Injured as Run), 14th in Standing Jump, 12th in Softball Throw, 10th in Running Long Jump, 9th in Shot Put, 6th in Septathlon, and 5th in Rope Climb.

Sarah Huffman - 5th on Bars and Vault, 2nd in Beam and All-Around, **1st on Floor**, 17th in Softball Throw, 13th in 75 Yd. Dash, 11th in Standing Jump, 8th in Running Long Jump and Shot Put, and 3rd in Septathlon.

Upper

Tami Burmeister - 5th on Bars, 4th on Floor, Vault, and All-Around, and 2nd on Beam - 16th in Softball Throw, 9th in Rope Climb, 6th in Standing Jump, Running Long Jump, and Shot Put, 5th in 75 Yd. Dash, 4th in Septathlon.

Girls 15-18: Track and Field girls compete against age group, not skill level (10 girls).

Middle

Maryann Connor - 6th on Vault, 3rd on Beam and All-Around, 2nd on Floor, **1st on Bars** - 10th in Softball Throw, 6th in 75 Yd. Dash, 5th in Running Long Jump, 4th in Standing Jump and Septathlon, 2nd in Shot Put.

Upper

Dolores Cuccovia - 4th on Vault, 3rd on Floor, 2nd in All-Around, **1st in Bars and Beam** - 9th in Softball Throw, Standing Jump and 75 Yd. Dash, 7th in Running Long Jump and Shot Put, 4th in Rope Climb, and 3rd in Septathlon.

Teams Awards: Overall - 4th; Mass Drill - 4th; Model Drill - 4th.

I would also like to thank the parents who participated: Joan Couture, Curt Burmeister, Linda Connor, Laura Garvey, Heidi Payeur, Craig Little, Russ Stokowski, and Ron Pike.

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SHOWING GOOD FORM WITH A ONE-UNDER-PAR PERFORMANCE was the foursome of (from left) Arthur Book, State Representative Dan Keenan, Karl Larson, and Bill Freeman. Although the weather was cold and rainy, the tournament's participants were willing to brave the elements for a worthy cause - the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SATURATED (with rain!) BUT SATISFIED at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course (from left to right): Roger Kupec, Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, Agawam Deputy Fire Chief Steve Martin, and Bob Smith. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



LOCAL GOLFERS IN THIS TOURNAMENTS included the following individuals (from left to right): Bob Hadden, Norm Storey, R. Bridgett Stevens-Storey, and Kathy Ayre (owner of Ayre Real Estate of Agawam). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



"THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SENIOR CENTER!" From left to right: Donna McKinley, Joan Linnehan, Lucille Drewnowski, Gail Freeman, and golf tournament co-chairwomen Jane Schmidt and Paulene Paquette. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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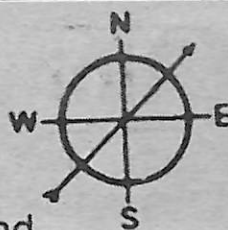
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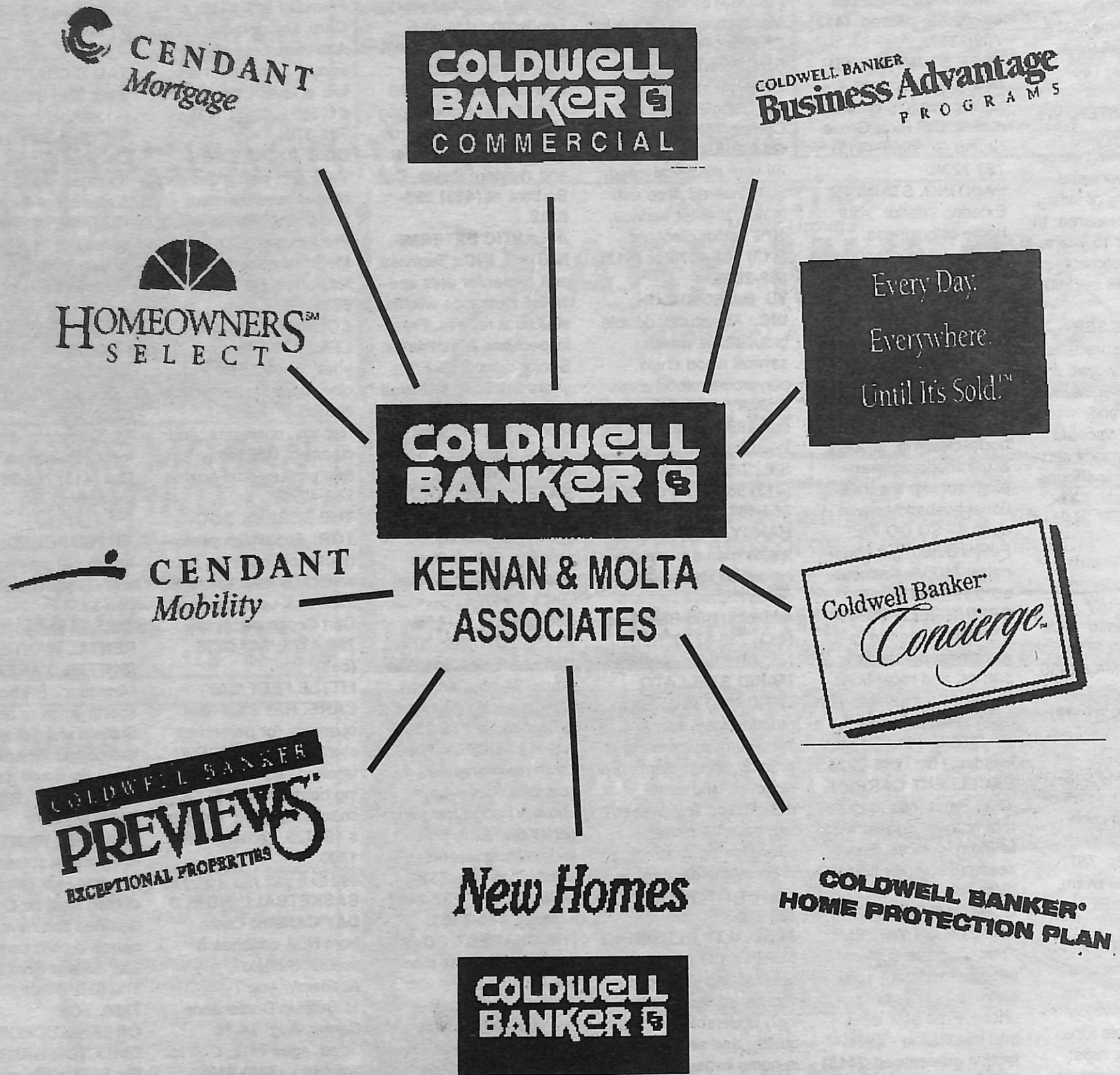
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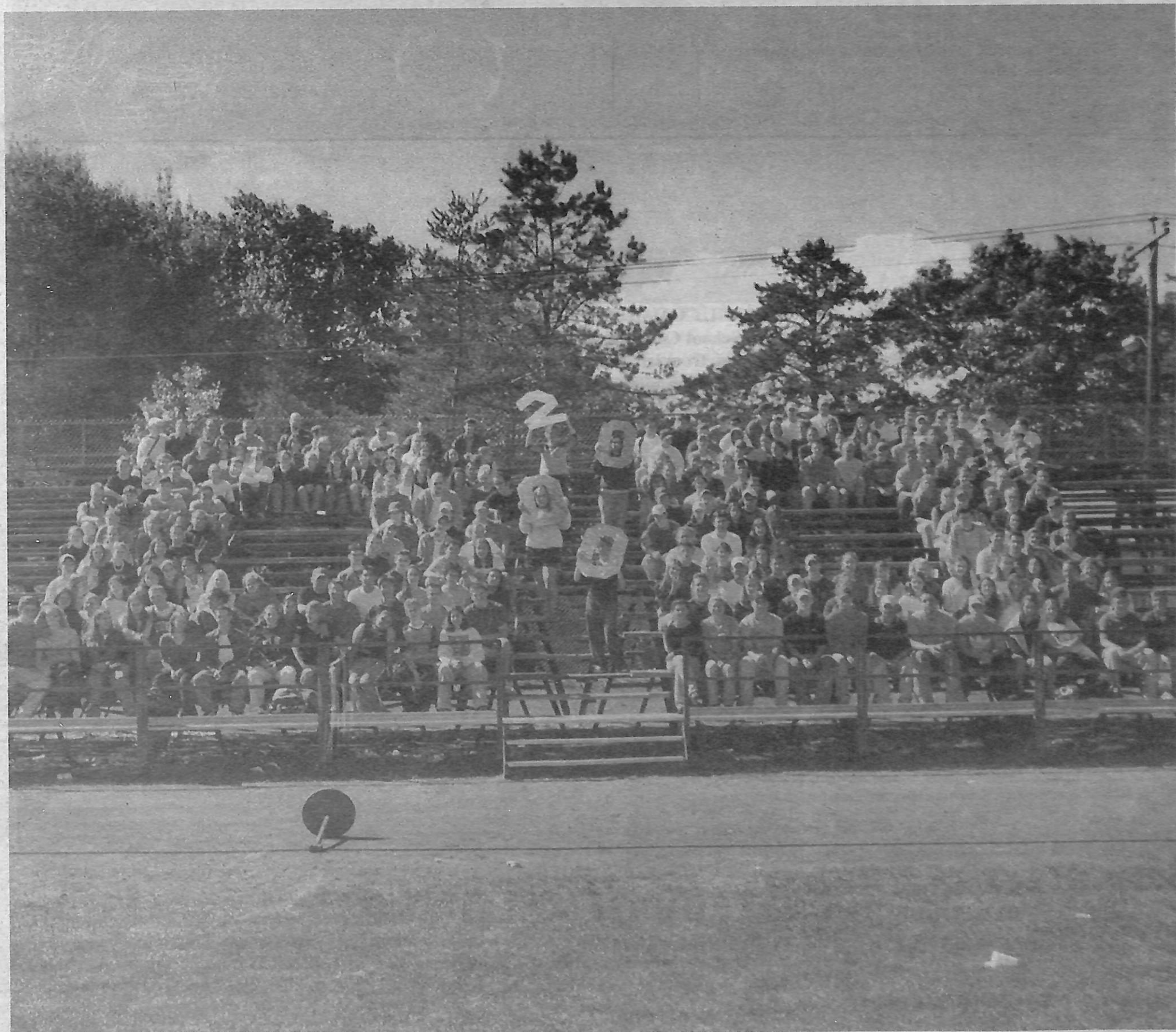
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+Edward Juan Aganda, Chad Michael Albano, Dominic Vincenzo Alfano, #**Elise Anne Victoria Alfano, Alexander Michael Almquist, Christopher Nathan Andre, Tony Robert Andruss, **+Stephen M. Antaya, Jonathan Lee Archambault, Nicholas Anthony Armata, Kristin Ann Avondo, Jessica Amanda B'Shara, Kristine Ann Baker, Dawn Marie Banspach, Heidi A. Baran, **Justin Peter Bard, Sarah Beth Bates, Rebekah Rose Battige, Angela Rose Beharry, @**Jason Lawrence Bentley, *+Sheri Lynn Benton, Donald Joseph Berthiaume, Amanda W. Bessette, #**+Shawn Michael Biebel, John Paul Bitgood, **Brandon William Blackak, Wayne Thomas Bonesteel, Alaina Therese Bonk, Philip John Bonk, Jr., Sara Louise Borden, *+James Alan Borowiec, Melissa Marie Branton, Marie Frances Buendo, Amanda Jane Burgess, #**Jennifer Elizabeth Burke, Carianne Marie Bussolari, Jenna Marie Butler, *Neil Brian Butler, Pasquale Capaccio, Anne E. Carroll, Thomas George Casiello, +Elena Cattoni, Stephanie Lynn Ceccarini, Leana Marie Chapdelaine, Nicole Louise Chapman, *#Laura Marie Charest, **+Brian Jeffrey Chechile, Katherine Ann Chmura, **Tracy Marie Ciak, +Terri Lynn Cimme, +Felix L. Cincotta, +Lori Ann Clarke, Jeremy Michael Cleveland, *+Elizabeth Ann Coelho.

#**Jennifer Allyson Cook, Robert William V. Cortes, Matthew David Cosimini, Matthew Jared Coughlin, *#+Valerie Lynn Cross, Amanda Ruth Cunningham, +Nicholas Paul D'Angelo, &Douglas Kyle Daubmann, Frank Michael DeCaro, Steve L. Dion, Michelle Dianne Dise, #**Dianna Louise DiStefano, Joseph Richard DiVirgilio, Christine Marie Dodge, **+Nadezhda A. Domnenko, **Douglas Vaughan Donaldson, Emily Ann Dubois, Adrienne Christine Dufresne, Patrick Henry Dumas, *#Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, **Kaleena Rose Ennis, @**+Carrie Elizabeth Fede, #**Stephan Paul Ferreira, Victoria Denise Fitchben, +Matthew Robert Gaffney, @**+Alyssa Marie Gagnon, Christine A. Gallant, *#+Amanda Lee Galluzzo, Julie Louise Gazar, %*#+Pamela Rose Gervais, **Shawn Robert Gessay, *#Nicole Ghaname, %*#+Brian Michael Gilhooly, Shawn Patrick Gloster, **+Carolyn Marie Gomes, W. Marcelo Gonzalez, **+Anthony Joseph Goodrow, **Justin Patrick Gorman, **+Kimberly Susan Goss, Irina Govor, Michael A. Grant, Jeremiah Fredrick Graves, Kevin Michael Grealis, Diane M. Griffin, Nicholas David Griffin, @**Brian G. Gross, Marylen Grozinger, Jonathan Salvatore Guarriello, Karen Jean Hadden, Scott P. Harlin, Stephanie Rose Harnois, Bradley William Harris, %*Scott Robert Harris, %*#**+Jennifer Ann Harvey.

Brian Patrick Hayden, Steven Wayne Hearn, Kelly Nicole Heiden, **+Eric Steven Hoague, Ian Charles Hogan, +Lynn Ann Hopkins, Megan Rose Hoppe, *#Adam Arthur Howe, Jessica Renee Irby, Julie Ann Isabelle, Vanessa Lynn Januska, Benjamin Marcus Kashmanian, @**Stephanie Marie Keenan, &Jennifer Rena Keller, +Patrick Brian Kelly, &Julie Kim Kilpatrick, Hilary Fern King, Jeffrey Alain King, +Jason Aaron Kirk, #**Kristen Ann Kocot, *#+Nicole Lynne Koehler, Maria Koutroublia, Michael Robert Krapf, Lauren Marie Kunkler, **+Ket La, &Bridget Marie LaBonte, Brian James LaBorde, +Holly Ann LaDue, Kaila Lynn Larivee, Kristen Renee Lawson, Patrick John Lennon, Erin Brooke Lightcap, Dennis Martin Liptak, Jennifer Karen Lock, Rebecca Beth Long, Brian J. Lopes, Gina Louise Loudfoot, **Julie Lynn Lungarini, *#Jennifer Jayne Lyman, Amy Lynn Mahaney, Jason Anthony Malanson, #**+Eric Anthony Mancini, %*#+Mary Claire Manning, **+John Charles Marcotte, **Danny Michael Marsili, **Jeffrey Maynard, **+Kerry Ana McGeoghan, *+Stephanie Kaye McLane, Jessica Lee Menard, Derek J. Mercadante, Justin John Mercieri, **Jessica Marie



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL senior class president Justin P. Gorman gives his class advisors glittering reviews while his fellow officers, from left, look on - Ann Paquette, Jennifer Burke, and Jennifer Lyman



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS and school officials seated on the stage during Agawam High School Commencement Exercises at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 11th included, from left - Susan Pettazzoni, Teresa Kozloski, Roberta Doering, Susan Dawson, Linda Galarneau, Rosemary Sandlin, School Committee members; Mary Czajkowski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Donald Charest, Associate Superintendent of Schools; Frank Ameruso, Superintendent of Schools; Richard A. Cohen, Mayor and School Committee Chairman; and Paul Cavallo, AHS Principal.



SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND INVITED GUESTS who sat on the stage for the June 11th Agawam High School Commencement Exercises held at Springfield Symphony Hall included, from left - Marc Costanzi, assistant principal; Bernadette Conte, dean of students; Brian Hollister, class advisor; Rebecca Brown, class advisor; Daniel Keenan, state representative; Kathleen McSweeney, athletic director; Karen Langevin, D.A.R.E. officer from the Agawam Police Department, and Richard M. Sardella, editor and publisher of The Agawam Advertiser News.

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GRADUATES-from Page 50

Millot, Jill Melissa Moccio, Dominic R. Montessi, Jr.,
 **David James Moore, Nicholas Joseph Moretti.

**Ryan William Morgan, Nicole Marie Mullaney,
 **Andrew Louis Mutti, Jason M. Mutti, &+Jessica
 Anne Nelson, Tammy Lee Norton, William Neil
 Nowell, John Francis O'Krongly, Jr., +Rae Anne
 Ottomaniello, Brian Thomas Pagella, Amie Lynn
 Panek, **Aja Marie Paquette, ***Ann Marie Paquette,
 Justin Michael Patterson, John M. Pearson, Jr., Eric
 Andrew Pedersen, Lauren Marie Piccin, Alesha
 Pisano, Allison Marie Pisano, Katelyn Marie Pisano,
 Jason David Pitoniak, **Crystal Ann Place, **Matthew
 Daniel Poirier, Christine Marie Powell, Christopher
 Brian Prefontaine, Anthony Joseph Preston,
 **+Andrea Marie Prova, Sarah Marie Prussman,
 Mathew John Quirk, &Daniel A. Renaud, Jeffrey
 Russell. Rennell, *#+Laura Elizabeth Reveruzzi,
 Jason D. Rheaume, Daniel Hayward Rice, Kevin
 Michael Rivers, **+Renee Marie Robichaud,
 +Gabrielle Leigh Robinson, Raquel Rodriguez, Victor
 Owen Romano, Aaron Gregory Root, Jason Allyn
 Rosenberg, Anthony Michael Ruscio, Nicole Elaine
 Saffer, Laurie Beth Sakowicz, Wanda Yvette
 Sanchez, Jane Santucci, &Phillip P. Savenko, ***+Paul
 Thomas Sawyer, Christopher Patrick Scafuri,
 ***+Tiffany L. Scaife, Christopher Louise Scavotto,
 *+Caroline Anne Scherpa, Kirsten Marie Schuster,
 **Katherine Thompson Shannon, *+Matthew Thomas
 Sharpe, Daniel Shaw.

Kenneth James Shaw, Jessica Page Siegler,
 Jonathan Thomas Silva, Irina S. Skovorodina, Russell
 Charles Smith, Steven Michael Sojkowski, Jennifer
 Leigh Sommer, Melissa Rose Sparver, Brian Thomas
 St. Jean, *#+Kerry Marie St. Laurent, Joseph James
 Stellato, **Amanda Lee Sternowski, Kyle Richard
 Stocks, Joseph Paul Stolpinski, Shawna Lee Suffriti,
 Erin Rose Sullivan, Michael Patrick Sullivan,
 **Elizabeth Miriam Sussman, +Jason Swindle,
 Bonnie Lee Tanzer, *+Matthew J. Taylor, Amber
 Courtney Teahan, Rick L. Tessier, **Brad Heath
 Theriaque, Amanda Louise Tilden, Edwin Torres,
 ***Robert Benjamin Torte, Judith Ann Trevethan,
 +Keylea Jane Ursprung, Joseph Pasquale Valenti,
 Carl Vanderhoof, Jon Christian Ventulett, Sara P.
 Vincent, Arthur Eric von Marschall, Julie Anna Voos,
 Barry Patrick Ward, Jr., Katie Ann Waterman,
 Jonathan Louis Watson, Robin Gean Watson, Kelly
 Ann Webb, *#+Caitlin Ann Weisgerber, Kaitlin Helene
 White, Nicole Marie White, Michael John Whitehead,
 Pamela Rose Williams, &Mitchell Richard Wilson,
 ***Robert Joseph Woods, Megan A. Wright, Krysten
 Zarr.

* National Honor Society

** Pro Merito

+ Renaissance

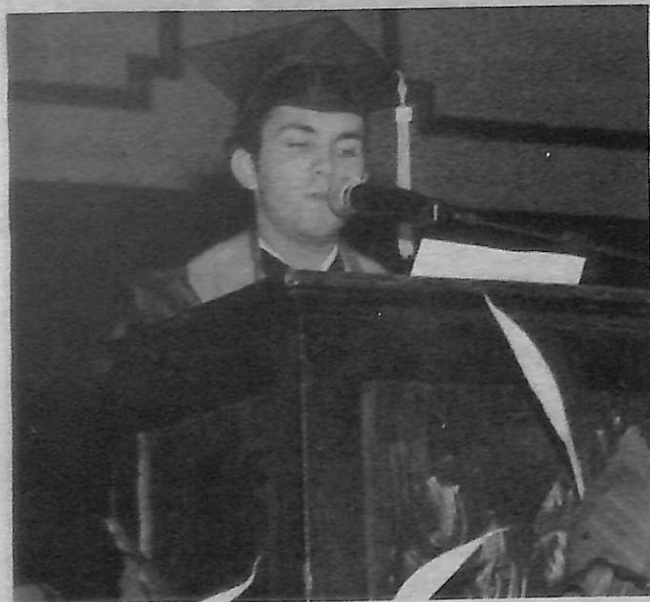
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@ Peer Leadership

^ La Societe Honoraire De Francais

% La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

& In Absentia



JAMES BOROWIEC gives the Salutatory Address during Agawam High Commencement Exercises at Springfield Symphony Hall on June 11th.



LED BY MUSIC DIRECTOR TAMARA WATSON, the Agawam High School Concert Band was in great form during Commencement Exercises at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 11th.



ABOUT TO ENTER SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY HALL for the start of Commencement Exercises for the Agawam High School Class of 2000 are, from left - Brian Gilhooly, Nick D'Angelo, Brian Hayden, Daniel Marsili, Dominic Montessi, Jr., and Brad Theriaque.



SERVING THE CLASS OF 2000 as Junior Class Marshalls were Michael Federico and Jenna Bodurtha.

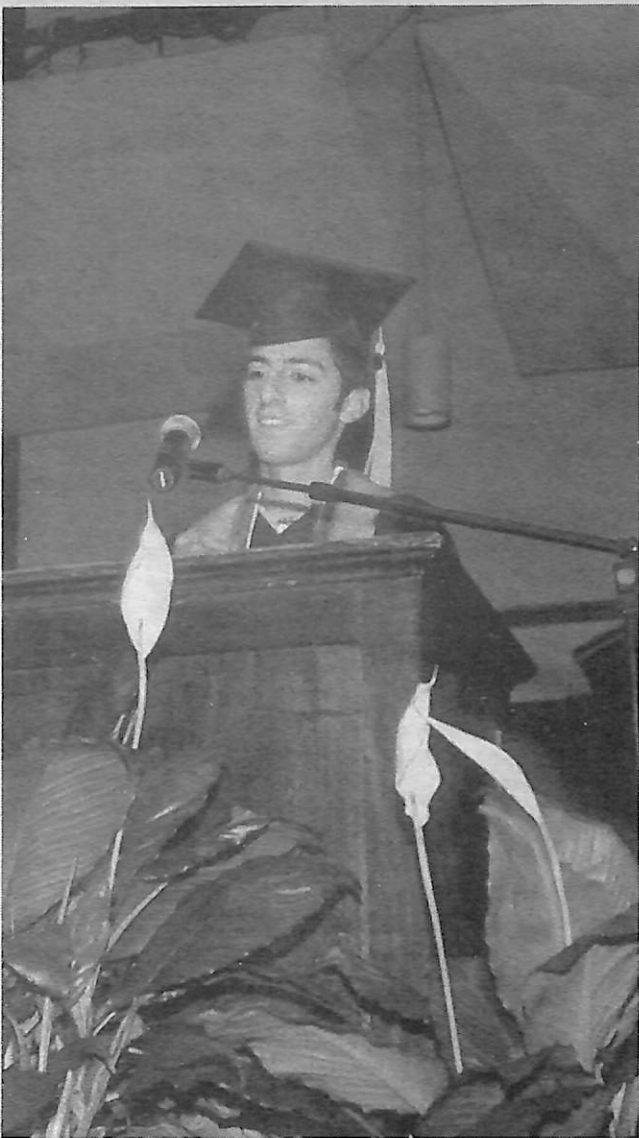


AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Principal Paul Cavallo (center) with Dean of Students Bernadette Conte and Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi.



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A New Beginning...



ANTHONY J. GOODROW gave the Valedictory Address during Agawam High Commencement Exercises at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 11th.



IN PHOTOS ABOVE, Agawam High School graduating seniors Rebecca Long (left photo) and Caroline Scherpa (right photo) receive their diplomas from Mayor Richard A. Cohen at Commencement Exercises.



BEING CONGRATULATED BY Mayor Richard A. Cohen as they receive their diplomas at the June 11th Commencement Exercises are AHS graduates, from left - Kristin Baker, Barry Ward, and Amanda Tilden.

Congratulations

Agawam High School Class of 2000

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Sara Louise Borden
James Alan Borowiec
Melissa Marie Branton
Marie Frances Buendo
Amanda Jane Burgess
Jennifer Elizabeth Burke
Carianne Marie Bussolari
Jenna Marie Butler
Neil Brian Butler
Pasquale Capaccio
Anne E. Carroll
Thomas George Casillo
Elena Cattoni
Stephanie Lynn Ceccarini
Leana Marie Chapdelaine
Nicole Louise Chapman
Laura Marie Charest
Brian Jeffrey Chechile
Katherine Ann Chmura
Tracy Marie Ciak
Terri Lynn Cimma
Felix L. Cincotta
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Jeremiah Fredrick Graves
Kevin Michael Grealis
Diane M. Griffin
Nicholas David Griffin
Brian G. Gross
Marylen Grozinger
Jonathan Salvatore Guarriello
Karen Jean Hadden
Scott P. Harlin
Stephanie Rose Harnois
Bradley William Harris
Scott Robert Harris
Jennifer Ann Harvey
Brian Patrick Hayden
Steven Wayne Hearn
Kelly Nicole Heiden
Eric Steven Hoague
Ian Charles Hogan
Lynn Ann Hopkins
Megan Rose Hoppe
Adam Arthur Howe
Jessica Renee Irby
Julie Ann Isabelle
Vanessa Lynn Januska
Benjamin Marcus Kashmanian
Stephanie Marie Keenan
Jennifer Rena Keller
Patrick Brian Kelly
Julie Kim Kilpatrick
Hilary Fern King
Jeffrey Alain King
Jason Aaron Kirk
Kristen Ann Kocot
Nicole Lynne Koehler
Maria Koutroublia
Michael Robert Krapf
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Jennifer Jayne Lyman
Amy Lynn Mahaney
Jason Anthony Malanson
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Daniel Hayward Rice
Kevin Michael Rivers
Renee Marie Robichaud
Gabrielle Leigh Robinson

Raquel Rodriquez
Victor Owen Romano
Aaron Gregory Root
Jason Allyn Rosenberg
Anthony Michael Ruscio
Nicole Elaine Saffer
Laurie Beth Sakowicz
Wanda Yvette Sanchez
Jane Santucci
Phillip P. Savenko
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Robert Joseph Woods
Megan A. Wright
Krysten Zarr

Good Luck In The Future!



State
Representative
Daniel F. Keenan



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2000 Senior Awards Night Program

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Outstanding Achievement In Accounting I (College Credit): Jason Bentley, James Borowiec, Shawn Gessay, Aja Paquette, Katherine Shannon, Arthur von Marschall, Caitlin Weisgerber.

Outstanding Achievement In Accounting II: Brandon Blackak, Stephanie Keenan, Amie Panek, Jason Rosenberg, Tiffany Scaife.

Outstanding Achievement In Business Management: Matthew Cosimini, Stephanie McLane.

Outstanding Achievement In Business Math Applications: Amanda Bessette, Dominic Montessi, Wanda Sanchez.

Outstanding Achievement In Business Math/Calculator: Rae Anne Ottomaniello.

Outstanding Achievement In Cooperative Education: Julie Isabelle.

Outstanding Achievement In Desktop Publishing I: Ket La, Danny Marsili, Matthew Sharpe, Arthur von Marschall.

Outstanding Achievement In Desktop Publishing II: Amie Panek, Arthur von Marschall.

Outstanding Achievement In Entrepreneurship: Jane Santucci.

Outstanding Achievement In Marketing: Arthur von Marschall.

Outstanding Achievement In Student Store: Andrew Mutti.

Outstanding Achievement In Word Processing I: Nicole Chapman, Nadezhda Domnenko.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER AWARDS

Most Improved Student In Landscaping And Horticulture: Adrienne Dufresne.

Most Outstanding Student In Allied Health/Nursing Assistant: Holly LaDue.

Most Outstanding Student In Carpentry: Jason Mutti.

Most Outstanding Students In Fashion Trades/Merchandising: Anne Carroll, Kevin Rivers.

Most Outstanding Student In Food Management Services: Patrick Kelly.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Outstanding Computer Programming: Nicholas D'Angelo, Justin Gorman, Jeffrey Maynard, Jason Pitoniak, Caroline Scherpa, Matthew Taylor.

COPY CENTER AWARD

Alyssa Gagnon, Ket La.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Excellence In English: Eric Mancini, Mary Manning, Stephanie McLane.

Mildred Reed English Award: Dianna DiStefano.

21st Century Book Award For Publication In The 21st Century National High School Newspaper: Sara Borden, Eric Mancini.

HEALTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Outstanding Achievement In Child Development: Tammy Norton.

Excellence In Child Development: Jessica B'Shara, Sheri Benton, Amanda Bessette, Alaina Bonk, Amanda Burgess, Lynn Hopkins, Kristen Kocot, Nicole Koehler, Lauren Kunkler, Kerry McGeoghan, Sarah Prussman, Amanda Sternowski, Erin Sullivan, Kaitlin White, Krysten Zarr.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CULINARY ARTS

Victor Romano.

EXCELLENCE IN CULINARY ARTS

Sarah Bates, Sheri Benton, Brian Chechile, Tracy Ciak, Nicholas D'Angelo, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Carrie Fede, Alyssa Gagnon, Nicole Ghaname, Kimberly Goss, Lynn Hopkins, Julie Isabelle, Jason Kirk, Nicole Koehler, Lauren Kunkler, Jennifer Lyman, Jeffrey Maynard, Stephanie McLane, Amie Panek, Aja Paquette, Allison Pisano, Katelyn Pisano, Sarah Prussman, Laura Reveruzzi, Jason Rosenberg, Laurie Sakowicz, Tiffany Scaife, Amanda Sternowski,

Erin Sullivan, Krysten Zarr.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN INTERIOR DESIGN

Sara Borden, Melissa Sparver.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Chad Albano, Kristin Avondo, Shawn Biebel, Carianne Bussolari, Laura Charest, Terri Cimma, Dianna DiStefano, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Victoria Fitchben, Christine Gallant, Nicole Ghaname, Justin Gorman, Jonathan Guarriello, Scott Harlin, Scott Harris, Lynn Hopkins, Kaila Larivee, Dennis Liptak, Tammy Norton, Rae Anne Ottomaniello, Ann Paquette, Katelyn Pisano, Daniel Renaud, Laura Reveruzzi, Courtney Rullmann, Irina Skovorodina, Jennifer Sommer, Amanda Sternowski, Shawna Suffriti, Robert Torte, Sara Vincent, Caitlin Weisgerber, Nicole White.

HONOR CORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT PINS

Art: Stephan Ferreira.

Business Education: Arthur von Marschall.

Computer Science: Anthony Goodrow, Daniel Renaud.

English: Gabrielle Robinson.

Health Education: Krysten Zarr.

Mathematics: Anthony Goodrow.

Music: James Borowiec, Mary Manning.

Physical Education: Stephanie McLane, Jason Rosenberg.

Science: Anthony Goodrow.

Social Studies: John Marcotte.

Technical Education: Kenneth Shaw.

World Language: Scott Harris.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Excellence In Mathematics: James Borowiec, Anthony Goodrow.

Math Team Awards: James Borowiec, Anthony Goodrow, Scott Harris, Mary Manning.

Math Club Awards: Elise Alfano, Marie Buendo, Dianna DiStefano, Amanda Galluzzo, Shawn Gloster, Justin Gorman, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Aja Paquette, Ann Paquette, Katherine Shannon, Matthew Sharpe, Matthew Taylor, Barry Ward, Kelly Webb, Kaitlin White.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sheri Benton, James Borowiec, Neil Butler, Laura Charest, Elizabeth Coelho, Valerie Cross, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Stephan Ferreira, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Nicole Ghaname, Brian Gilhooly, Anthony Goodrow, Scott Harris, Adam Howe, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Stephanie McLane, Laura Reveruzzi, Caroline Scherpa, Katherine Shannon, Matthew Sharpe, Kerry St. Laurent, Matthew Taylor, Caitlin Weisgerber.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sheri Benton, James Borowiec, Neil Butler, Laura Charest, Tracy Ciak, Elizabeth Coelho, Valerie Cross, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Stephan Ferreira, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Nicole Ghaname, Brian Gilhooly, Anthony Goodrow, Scott Harris, Jennifer Harvey, Adam Howe, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Eric Mancini, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Kerry McGeoghan, Stephanie McLane, Jessica Millot, Andrea Prova, Laura Reveruzzi, Gabrielle Robinson, Caroline Scherpa, Katherine Shannon, Matthew Sharpe, Kerry St. Laurent, Elizabeth Sussman, Matthew Taylor, Caitlin Weisgerber.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Marie Buendo, Brian Chechile, Matthew Coughlin, Kaleena Ennis, Kimberly Goss, Kelly Heiden, Julie Kirkpatrick, Lauren Kunkler, Bridget LaBonte, Gina Loudfoot, Julie Lungarini, Amy Mahaney, Justin

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IN PHOTO ABOVE, AHS CLASS OF 2000 graduating senior Kerry McGeogan (right) receives her diploma from Mayor Richard A. Cohen.



MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN congratulates Ann Paquette at AHS Commencement Exercises, Sunday, June 11th.

Congratulations, Sarah!



**It's About Time
You Finished...
We Love You!
Andrea, Megan,
Melissa, And Ali**



Graduation 2000

Graduation Day - Sunday, June 11th...



RECEIVING THEIR DIPLOMAS from Mayor Richard A. Cohen at Agawam High Commencement Ceremonies at Springfield Symphony Hall are, from left - American Intercultural Program (AFS) exchange student Elena Cattoni from Italy, Erin Lightcap (center), and Brad Theriaque (right).



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Gina Loudfoot (left photo) and Sheri Benton (right photo) receive their diplomas from Mayor Richard A. Cohen at Commencement Exercises on Sunday, June 11th at Springfield Symphony Hall.



**Congratulations,
Jessica, Erin, & Tammy!!!**





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Mercieri, Sabrina Monska, Jason Mutti, Alesha Pisano, Crystal Place, Renee Robichaud, Tiffany Scaife, Amber Teahan, Katie Waterman.

PRO MERITO

Elise Alfano, Stephen Antaya, Justin Bard, Jason Bentley, Shawn Biebel, Brandon Blackak, Jennifer Burke, Brian Chechile, Tracy Ciak, Jennifer Cook, Dianna DiStefano, Nadezhda Domnenko, Douglas Donaldson, Kaleena Ennis, Carrie Fede, Alyssa Gagnon, Shawn Gessay, Carolyn Gomes, Justin Gorman, Kimberly Goss, Brian Gross, Jennifer Harvey, Eric Hoague, Stephanie Keenan, Kristen Kocot, Ket La, Julie Lungarini, Eric Mancini, Danny Marsili, Jeffrey Maynard, Kerry McGeoghan, Jessica Millot, David Moore, Ryan Morgan, Andrew Mutti, Aja Paquette, Ann Paquette, Crystal Place, Matthew Poirier, Renee Robichaud, Paul Sawyer, Tiffany Scaife, Amanda Sternowski, Elizabeth Sussman, Brad Theriaque, Robert Torte, Robert Woods.

QUILL AND SCROLL

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS

Elise Alfano, Jason Bentley, Shawn Biebel, Jennifer Burke, Laura Charest, Jennifer Cook, Valerie Cross, Dianna DiStefano, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Stephan Ferreira, Alyssa Gagnon, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Nicole Ghaname, Brian Gilhooly, Jennifer Harvey, Adam Howe, Kristen Kocot, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Eric Mancini, Mary Manning, Ann Paquette, Laura Reveruzzi, Katherine Shannon, Kerry St. Laurent, Robert Torte, Caitlin Weisgerber, Robert Woods.

RENAISSANCE

Edward Aganda, Stephen Antaya, Sheri Benton, Shawn Biebel, James Borowiec, Elena Cattoni, Brian Chechile, Terri Cimma, Felix Cincotta, Lori Clarke, Elizabeth Coelho, Valerie Cross, Nicholas D'Angelo, Nadezhda Domnenko, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Carrie Fede, Matthew Gaffney, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Brian Gilhooly, Carolyn Gomes, Anthony Goodrow, Kimberly Goss, Jennifer Harvey, Eric Hoague, Lynn Hopkins, Patrick Kelly, Jason Kirk, Nicole Koehler, Ket La, Holly LaDue, Eric Mancini, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Kerry McGeoghan, Stephanie McLane, Jessica Nelson, Rae Ann Ottomaniello, Andrea Prova, Laura Reveruzzi, Renee Robichaud, Gabrielle Robinson, Paul Sawyer, Tiffany Scaife, Caroline Scherpa, Matthew Sharpe, Kerry St. Laurent, Jason Swindle, Matthew Taylor, Keylea Ursprung, Caitlin Weisgerber.

SADD RECOGNITION AWARD

Wayne Bonesteel, Jessica Irby.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Outstanding Achievement In Biology: Gabrielle Robinson.

Outstanding Achievement In Chemistry: Scott Harris.

Outstanding Achievement In Physics: Anthony Goodnow.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

DAR-American History Award: Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle.

STUDENT-TO-STUDENT PEER TUTOR AWARD

Valerie Cross, Scott Harris, Matthew Taylor.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Art Achievement Awards: Angela Beharry, Laura Charest, Dianna DiStefano, Marylen Grozinger, Eric Hoague, Ian Hogan, Kristen Lawson, Aja Paquette, Christine Powell, Nicole Saffer, Laurie Sakowicz, Tiffany Scaife, Amanda Tilden, Arthur von Marschall.

Arion National Award For Chorus: Neil Butler.

Arion National Award For Musicianship: Paul Sawyer.

Director's Award For Band: John Bitgood, Daniel Shaw.

Director's Award For Colorguard: Amanda Cunningham, Stephanie Keenan.

Improvement In Band: Jessica Irby, Jessica Millot.

Improvement In Colorguard Award: Carolyn Gomes.

John Phillip Sousa National Band Award: James Borowiec, Mary Manning.

Larry J. Orenstein, Jr. Band Award: Julie Vooy.

Lisa M. Ziegert Band Leadership Award: Valerie Cross, Michael Krapf.

Woody Herman National Jazz Award: Patrick Lennon.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

La Societe Honoraire Francais: Anthony Goodrow, John Marcotte.

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica: Pamela Gervais, Brian Gilhooly, Scott Harris, Jennifer Harvey, Mary Manning.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD - 4 YEARS

Jane Santucci.

SCHOLARSHIPS - CLASS OF 2000

Agawam Athletic Association (AAA)/Robert F. Hersey, Presidential: Sheri Benton, Brad Theriaque.

Agawam Athletic Association (AAA)/Edward Connor: Shawn Biebel, Pamela Gervais, Amanda Tilden, Caitlin Weisgerber, Kaitlin White.

Agawam Athletic Association (AAA)/Nicholas Lasky Memorial: David Moore.

Agawam Athletic Association (AAA)/Phyllis M. Mason: Katherine Shannon.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce: Megan Hoppe, Stephanie McLane.

Agawam Democratic Committee: Mary Manning, Matthew Poirier.

Agawam Democratic Committee/Valentine "Wally" Marino Scholarship: Kaleena Ennis.

Agawam Education Association/David Theodorowicz Memorial: Caroline Scherpa.

Agawam Garden Club: Lauren Kunkler.

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II Memorial: Sean Gloster, Hilary King.

Irene Lariviere Memorial/Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II Memorial: Brandon Blackak.

Ruth Birchall Memorial/Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II Memorial: Kerry McGeoghan.

Agawam High School Band Parents/Lisa M. Ziegert Band Scholarship: Donald Berthiaume, Valerie Cross, Hilary King, Mary Manning, Jessica Millot.

Agawam Historical Association: Laura Reveruzzi.

Agawam Junior Women's Club: Shawn Biebel, Kristen Kocot, Stephanie McLane, Mathew Quirk.

Agawam Lioness Club: Valerie Cross, Holly LaDue.

Agawam Lions Club - General: Brandon Blackak, Kaleena Ennis, Scott Harris, Laura Reveruzzi.

Agawam Lions Club/Frederick T. Dacey Memorial: Kaitlin White.

Agawam Lions Club/Helen Hardina Memorial - Medical Field: Holly LaDue.

Agawam Middle School PTO: Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Scott Harris, Mathew Quirk, Gabrielle Robinson.

Agawam Municipal Scholarship: Elizabeth Coehlo, Mary Manning, Matthew Taylor.

Agawam Soccer Association: Valerie Cross, Kerry McGeoghan, Ann Paquette, John Pearson, Mathew Quirk, Kaitlin White.

Agawam Soccer Association/Christopher Knight Memorial: Brad Theriaque.

Agawam Soccer Association/Rich Parolo Memorial: Katherine Shannon.

Agawam Women's Club General Scholarship: Nicole Chapman.

Alpha Chapter Of Massachusetts/Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Book Award (International Women Educators): Sheri Benton.

Anderson-Morin Memorial: Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Shawn Gloster.

Barbara Skolnick Scholarship: Mary Manning, Laura Reveruzzi, Caroline Scherpa.

Benjamin J. Phelps/Future Teachers Club: Elise Alfano, Carianne Busolari, Stephanie Ceccarini, Ann Paquette, Laura Reveruzzi, Amanda Sternowski.

Benjamin Moore Memorial Ski Scholarship: John Pearson, Caroline Scherpa.

Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam: Judy Trevethan.

Christopher Kinsella Memorial: James Borowiec.

Clifford M. Granger PTO: Laura Charest, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Kerry St. Laurent.

Craig Owens Waryasz Memorial: Stephanie McLane.

Diana Willard Hall Memorial: Jane Santucci.

Ernest Tetreault Memorial Wrestling Scholarship: Mathew Quirk.

Frank Mazza Scholarship (Sponsored By National Honor Society): Justin Gorman, Tiffany Scaife, Amanda Sternowski.

Gladys Catchepaugh Memorial/American Legion Aux. #185: Christine Gallant.

Harmon Smith Memorial: Anthony Goodrow.

James Clark School PTO: Nicolas D'Angelo, Kristen Kocot, Andrea Prova.

Jay Clark Memorial/American Intercultural Program (Agawam Chapter AFS): Kaleena Ennis, Nicole Ghaname, Crystal Place.

Jill Stefanik Memorial: Crystal Place, Jane Santucci.

John E. Higgins, Jr. Memorial: Tammy Norton.

John M. LaZazzera Memorial - Hockey: Brian Gilhooly.

Julia R. Crawford Memorial: Elise Alfano.

Karen L. Buffington-DelPeschio Memorial: Dennis Liptak.

Kiwanis Club Of West Springfield/Agawam: Hilary King.

Leonard Desrosiers Memorial: Brian Gilhooly.

Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund: Stephanie Ceccarini, Nicole Chapman, Lynn Hopkins, Mary Manning, Kaitlin White.

Marjorie Ward Memorial: Tammy Norton.

Mark Chapman Scholarship Award: Brian LaBorde.

Mark Chapman Scholarship/Ohio (Cleveland)

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Congratulations, Pam & Heather!!!



"2000" Graduates -
West Springfield High School
Long Island & Salem State Bound
(We're Behind You All The Way)
Love You Lots...
Sandy, Paul, Deb,
Heidi & Eric



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Automotive Technical College Award: Kenneth Shaw.

Minnie Barden Memorial: Brandon Blackak, Terri Cima.

Nicolas & Marie Zucco Memorial/Agawam Congregational Church: Amanda Tilden.

Park West Bank & Trust Company/Outstanding Business Student: Arthur von Marschall.

Peer Leadership Award: Jason Bentley, Carrie Fede, Alyssa Gagnon, Brian Gross, Stephanie Keenan.

P. Joseph Curran Memorial: Andrea Prova.

Polish American Club Of Agawam: Jennifer Harvey, Vanessa Januska, Andrea Prova, Gabrielle Robinson.

Raymond Husson Memorial: Hilary King.

Richard J. Rieker Scholarship/JFK Council #5585 Knights Of Columbus: Mary Manning, Caitlin Weisgerber.

Thomas Gamelli Memorial Award/Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship: Andrea Prova.

Thomas J. DalMolin Memorial Hockey/Soccer Scholarship: Kristen Kocot, Dianna DiStefano, Brian Gilhooly, Brad Theriaque.

Timothy J. Sunstrom Memorial: Shawn Biebel, Laura Charest.

Timothy John Bennett Memorial (Math & Physics Award): Anthony Goodrow.

UNICO - Agawam Chapter: Amanda Cunningham, Carolyn Gomes, Anthony Goodrow, Ann Paquette, Andrea Prova, Carolyn Scherpa, Erin Sullivan, Brad Theriaque.

Valley Community Church/Rev. Frank E. Dunn Memorial Scholarship: Megan Hoppe, Ryan Morgan, Crystal Place, Amanda Sternowski.

West Springfield Education Association: Krysten Zarr.

West Springfield/Agawam Elks Lodge #2174 - Golf League Scholastic Merit Award: Andrea Prova.

William J. Miller Scholarship (Sponsored By B.J. Phelps PTO): Shawn Gloster, Ann Paquette.

William R. Chiba Memorial (Sponsored By Agawam Bowmen's Club): Gabrielle Robinson.

Women's Auxiliary Of Polish American Club Of Agawam: Kaleena Ennis, Amanda Sternowski.

Woronoco Savings Bank Scholarship: Irina Skovorodina.

Scott Harris Of AHS Honored By Civitan Club

Last month at the Lido Restaurant in Springfield, the Civitan Club of Springfield held its celebration of Good Citizenship Day, an annual event whereby the club members devote their meeting to the goal of building better citizenship. At that time, outstanding senior students who have exemplified good citizenship are selected from area high schools and honored in a program attended by school administrators, Civitans, and guests.

Among this year's award recipients was Scott Harris of Agawam High School.

The honored students were selected by their respective high school principals, and selection is based upon the following criteria: 1) faithful application to schoolwork and at least average grades in all subjects; 2) participation in extracurricular activities; 3) high degree of cooperation in the entire school program; and 4) high standard of moral integrity.

The staff of The Advertiser News offers best wishes to all of the Class of 2000 graduates...



HAMPDEN COUNTY HORACE SMITH FUND Scholarship award winners are seen in the photo above with William Rooney (right) of the Smith Fund.

Horace Smith Fund Grants \$100,000 In College Aid

The Horace Smith Fund, founded in 1899 by the estate of Smith & Wesson co-founder Horace Smith, has awarded \$100,000 in college scholarships to 40 Hampden County high school seniors planning to attend college this fall. The scholarship winners were

recently honored at an event sponsored by the Smith Fund and held at Springfield College. Among this year's recipients is Anthony Goodrow of Agawam High School.

Golden Age Club Chapter II Scholarships

In the absence of President Perry McCobb, Vice-President Thelma Gardner opened last month's meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II. The club's guests were the scholarship recipients and their parents, and the following seniors were awarded checks:

Kerry McGeoghan received the Ruth Birchall Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by Jim Birchall in memory of his wife, Ruth. Kerry will be entering the University of New Hampshire.

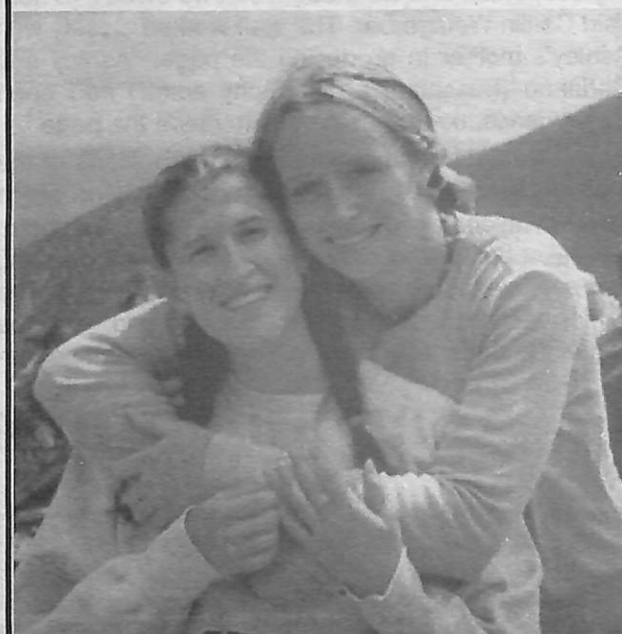
Brandon Blackak received the Irene Lariviere Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by Rene Lariviere in memory of his wife, Irene. Brandon will enter STCC in the fall.

Bernice Burton, Chairman of the Chapter II Scholarship Committee, presented checks from the club to Hilary King and Shawn Gloster. Hilary will attend Westfield State College, and Shawn is scheduled to enter Northeastern University in the engineering work-study program.

After choosing these recipients, the members of the Scholarship Committee were pleased to meet these fine young people.

Congratulations To The Class of 2000

Congratulations, College Grads!



**Melissa Fleming
& Christine Mazeika**
*"Still Best Friends After
All These Years..."*



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"Transitions" Looks Back On The 1999-2000 School Year

by Jen Niedziela
AAN Staff Writer

The 1999-2000 Agawam High School yearbook has been released, and this year's *Sachem* exceeded the expectations of all that have the pleasure of picking it up. Entitled *Transitions*, the book contains 272 pages of pictures, text, and artwork that combine to create an incredibly constructed yearbook.

The theme of this year's book is transition. "We found the idea at a yearbook conference," said editor-in-chief **Caitlin Weisberber**. "The idea of a transition in our lives as well as a transition into a new millennium seemed to be a fitting theme."

The first visual that strikes the reader is the cover of the book. With its navy blue, nine-by-12, fox-fur textured cover, *Transitions* looks more like a collegiate annual than a typical high school yearbook. With the title of the book embossed in a silver that beautifully matches the blue, the look is elegant and eye-appealing.

However, the true treat on the cover is the hologram that appears in the lower right corner. Depending on how the book is looked at, the hologram can show either an open window looking out at a tree and sunshine, or a nighttime scene with a shooting star. "The hologram was actually what really sold us on the idea of the theme," said Caitlin. "The whole idea really clicked once we found that hologram."

"This book has a tremendous 'Wow' factor," said **David Pulaski**, yearbook advisor, "especially with the effects on the cover. Ours is the only yearbook on the east coast with something like that. Everyone who's seen it has been impressed. It was a spectacular success. We've been very pleased."

Opening the cover, the end-sheets are decorated with collages made from candid pictures of the senior class. "We tried to get everyone in there," said Pulaski. It's a new look for the end-sheets of the yearbook. In past years, the end-sheets have been a solid color with some form of pattern cut out, have had drawings on them, or changed color. Having actual pictures inside the cover is a nice addition.

Dedicated To Ashley Turniak

Transitions is dedicated to **Ashley Turniak**, a member of the graduating class who passed away in 1998. With a set of pictures and a poem, the class of 2000 paid tribute to the memory of Ashley. "She was a great person and we thought that we owed it to her," said Caitlin Weisberber. The staff worked closely with Ashley's mother in producing the page. "Ashley and Carianne (Bussolari, photography editor) had been close friends, so that helped us to make the page."

This year's book has followed the traditions of the past and has used 48 pages of color printing on which the dedication page, senior pictures, the class photo, the ballot box pictures, the *Sachem* staff group shot, and a whole bunch of candid photos are printed. The senior section has a star-filled background, with the rest of the color section using a flat black or a sponge-

painted blue pattern.

"Every background was purchased or came from some outside source. The staff did a fantastic job of selecting backgrounds," said Pulaski.

Indeed, the color of the background matches the cover, and the base color of blue makes the color section of the book quite exquisite.

The rest of the book follows standard formats, with the senior directory beginning the black and white sections, while pictures of underclassmen follow, and the student activities comprise most of the rest of the book. Also in black and white are the community support ads, and the ever-popular "Senior Salutes" (special dedications to graduates from parents, family, and friends).

Ending the book is the 16-page World Beat magazine, a collection of images and reports that summarize the happenings of the past year. "It was an important year," said Pulaski. "We felt that it was meaningful to include this. It's been an interesting year, with so much going on at the turn of the century. Some kind of documentation to show what had gone on is a nice, final touch."

"We had a super staff this year," added Pulaski, "and it shows. We were determined to make a stand-out book, and I think that we've succeeded." Caitlin echoed Pulaski's sentiment. "The staff had its differences, but everyone was able to work together, and the staff did a great job of staying calm and working exceptionally well under pressure, and that was what counted the most."

Producing the yearbook was by no means a singular effort. Every portion of the yearbook team pulled together to produce a fantastic book. Leading the effort was editor-in-chief Caitlin Weisberber. Caitlin was charged with the task of leading the team in the production of this book, seeing to it that all the deadlines were met, the theme was closely followed, and that all the pages were flawless.

Working under Caitlin as associate editors were **Valerie Cross** and **Mary Manning**. The two previewed all the work before it went to Caitlin for the final approval and send-out, putting in many long hours, and on top of that, helping Caitlin review the proofs from the previous deadline.

The pictures that adorn every page are courtesy of the photography staff, consisting of editor **Carianne Bussolari**, and staff members **Laura Charest**, **Jennifer Cook**, and **Mike Krapf**.

Layout editor **Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle** made sure that the layouts produced by **Stephanie Ceccarini**, **Laura Reveruzzi**, and **Annie Paquette** were of the highest quality and suitable for such a dynamic book. Making sure that the prose on the pages was up to par was the task of the literary staff, including editor **Nicole Koehler**, and staff members **Liz Coelho**, **Jason Bentley**, and **Katie Shannon**, who made sure

that all the photos had captions, and that all the write-ups were perfect.

Keeping on top of the sports action were **Edwin Torres** and **Jen Lyman**. These two had to keep track of all the sports data, and obtain that from the previous year, and to do the write-ups for the many sports played at Agawam High.

The daunting task of secretary went to **Kaila Larivee**. Kaila kept track of all sorts of things for Pulaski and the staff, continuously on the phone and ready to do most anything asked of her. Selling the books was the job of **Nicole Ghaname** and **Jenn Harvey**. The two spent time before and after school towards the beginning of the year making sure that everyone who wished to purchase a book was able to do so.

Finally, the last bit of money that went toward the book came from the advertising staff. Setting a goal to raise \$6,000 in advertising money total, editor **Dianna DiStefano** pushed **Amanda Galluzzo**, **Elise Alfano**, and **Kristen Kocot** hard enough that each of them reached their individual goals of \$1,500.

Success Thanks To Group Effort

"Caitlin was an excellent, excellent editor," said Pulaski of his editor-in-chief. "She did such a good job." Pulaski also acknowledged that it was the working of the entire staff that made the book such a big success. "It was a super staff, a great bunch of people. This book doesn't happen without a great group of people."

"The whole staff deserves a lot of credit," said Caitlin. "Everyone takes for granted how much work goes into producing this book. Everyone did a really great job."

The staff owes an amount of their success to Pulaski. "He did an amazing job," said Caitlin. "He was an incredible advisor. We wouldn't have been able to do it without him. He left the main workings to us, but when it came time to pull everyone together, his knowledge and expertise were what pulled us through. I couldn't have asked for a better advisor."

The yearbook, which cost nearly \$36,600 to produce, costs the students only \$27 a book. "It's a tremendous value," said Pulaski. "This book could easily fetch \$50, and it's quite a bargain for the kids."

The value of the book is something that has been recognized by the students, as 920 books were purchased. This represents one of the highest sales percentages for the *Sachem*. Yearbook production is wholly self-sufficient. All of the money necessary for production comes from the sales of the book, sales of ads, and the money brought in from "Senior Salutes."

A true reflection of the life and times of Agawam High at the turn of the millennium, *Transitions* is a beautiful yearbook, and will be treasured by the graduates and others who've purchased it at Agawam High for many years to come.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Winners

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to announce the recipients of their scholarships. There were three \$500 winners: Shawn Biebel, Stephanie McLane, and Kristen Kocot. There was one \$100 winner: Mathew Quirk.

The Junior Women's Club would like to thank all those who applied and congratulate the winners.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

*Congratulations and best wishes to the
Agawam High School Class of 2000*

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We, the 2000 Sachem Yearbook Staff, would like to take the time to personally thank all of the considerate businesses that purchased advertising space in order to help support our yearbook this year. Without your generosity and continued support, this yearbook would not have been possible. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

A heartfelt thanks from...

The 2000 Sachem Staff

Caitlin Weisgerber, Editor-In-Chief

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AAA Presents Annual Scholarships

The Agawam Athletic Association continues its 25-year tradition of presenting graduating high school seniors with an array of scholarships for the class of 2000.

The scholarship recipients included the following Agawam High School seniors who received their diplomas at the June 11th commencement exercises.

"The Robert F. Hersey Presidential Scholarship" was presented to Sheri Benton and Brad Theriaque. Benton was a second team All-Western Mass. selection last fall for the girls' varsity soccer team, and also played varsity basketball in the winter and starred on the girls' varsity lacrosse team this past spring. Theriaque was a fullback on the boys' varsity soccer team last fall, and a key member of the league championship boys' varsity volleyball team this past spring.

"The Nicholas Lasky Memorial Scholarship" was awarded to three-sports star David Moore. Moore was an outstanding running back for the Brownies' football team last fall and, of course, is best known for his All-Western Mass. and All-State run on the powerful AHS wrestling team. He also starred for the school's boys' varsity lacrosse team this past spring.

"The Phyllis M. Mason Scholarship" was received by Katherine Shannon, another three-sports athlete. Shannon was a defender on the girls' varsity soccer team last fall, a guard for the girls' varsity basketball team, and was a stand-out performer for the girls' varsity lacrosse team this past spring.

Feeding Hills resident Michael Martin, who graduated from Cathedral High School on June 9th, was the winner of the "Gerald J. Mason Memorial Scholarship." Martin was an outstanding performer for Cathedral's Western Mass. championship football team last fall, and was named the most outstanding Western Mass. boys' basketball player in the 1999-2000 season. He also was a pitcher on Cathedral's Division I Western Mass. championship baseball team. He is headed for Division I Brown University on a basketball scholarship.

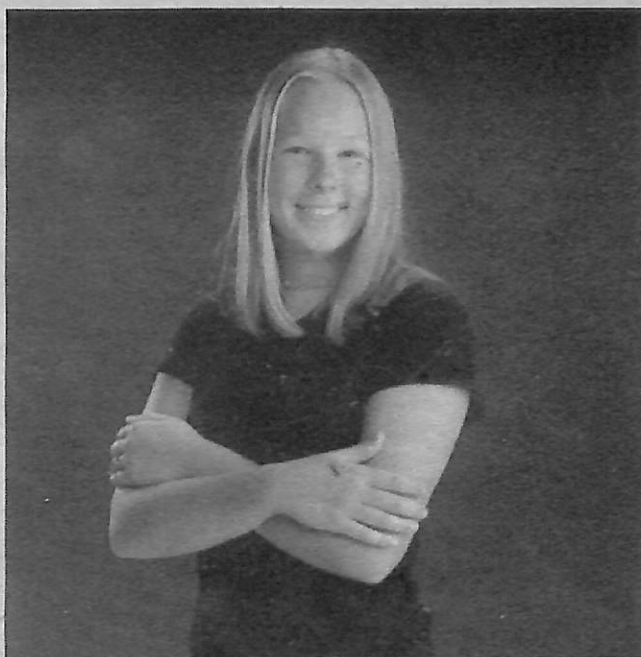
Winners of the AAA's "Edward Connor Scholarships" included AHS class of 2000 members Shawn Biebel, Pamela Gervais, Amanda Tilden, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Kaitlin White.

AHS's Class Of 2000's 4th Quarter Honor Roll

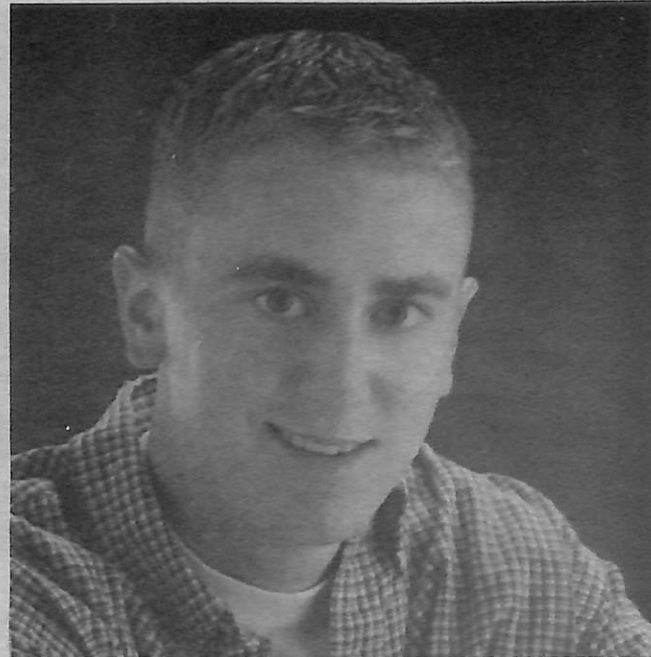
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Scott Harris, Jennifer Harvey, Kelly Heiden, Eric Hoague, Lynn Hopkins, Adam Howe, Stephanie Keenan, Patrick Kelly, Nicole Koehler, Lauren Kunkler, Ket La, Rebecca Long, Mary Manning, Jeffrey Maynard, Kerry McGeoghan, Stephanie McLane, Jessica Millot, Jessica Nelson.

Amie Panek, Aja Paquette, Crystal Place, Andrea Prova, Laura Reveruzzi, Renee Robichaud, Gabrielle Robinson, Laurie Sakowicz, Wanda Sanchez, Jane Santucci, Tiffany Scaife, Caroline Scherpa, Katherine Shannon, Matthew Sharpe, Irina Skovorodina, Melissa Sparver, Kerry St. Laurent, Amanda Sternowski, Jason Swindle, Matthew Taylor, Brad Theriaque, Keylea Ursprung, Jon Ventulett, Arthur von Marschall.



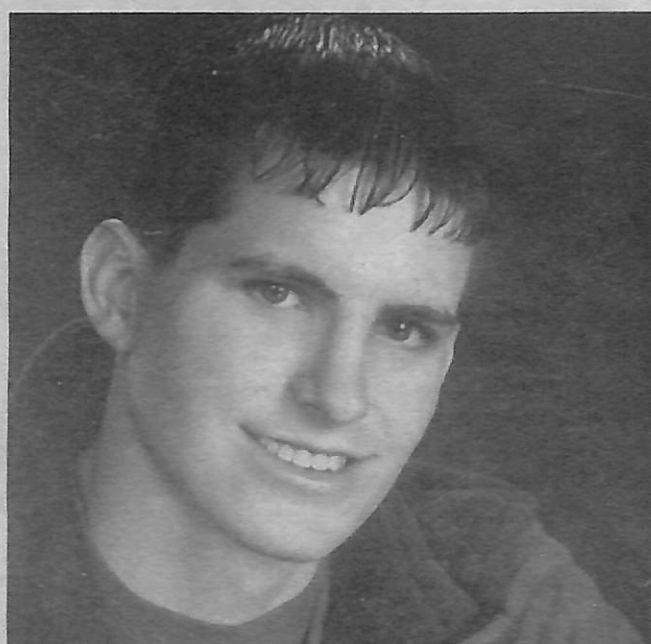
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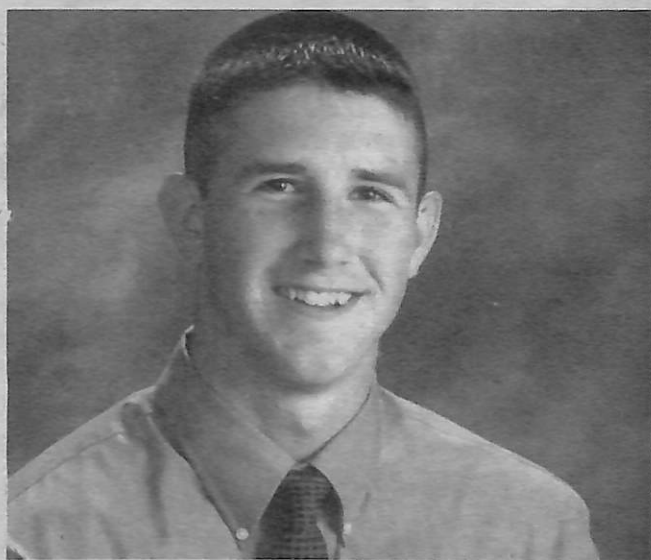
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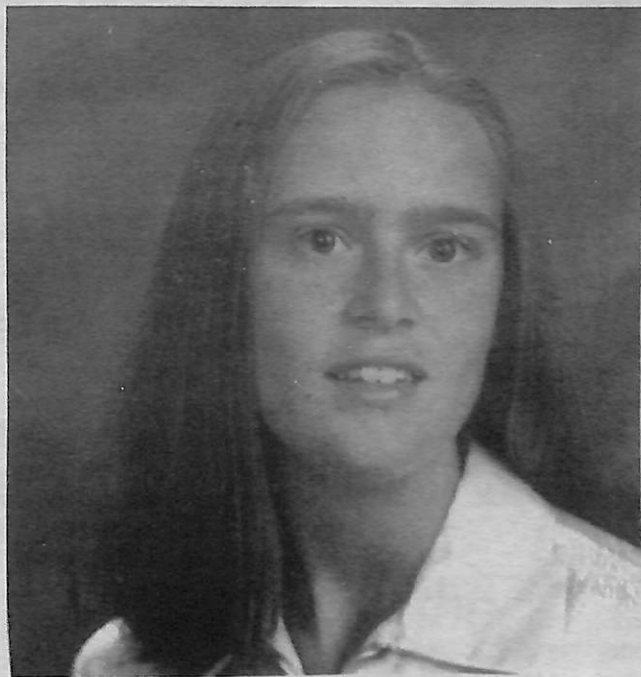
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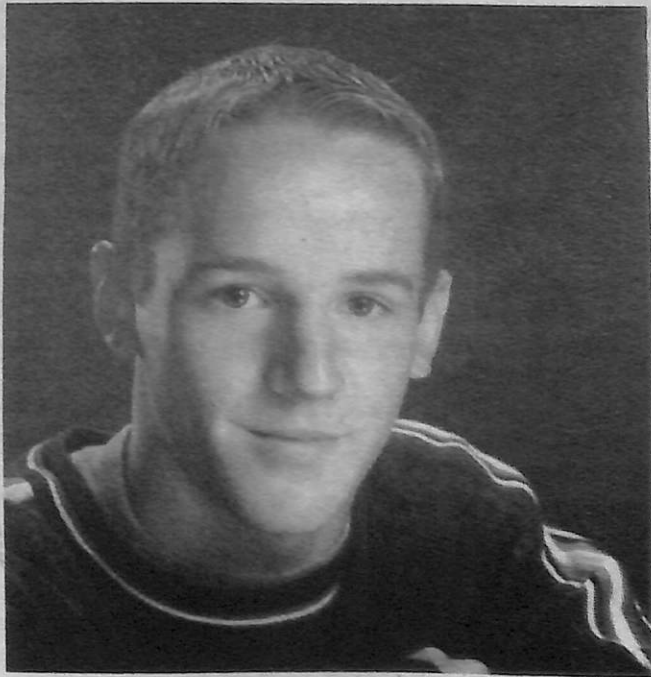
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MIKE MARTIN



SHERI BENTON



DAVE MOORE



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Agawam UNICO Awards Scholarships & Education Grants

On June 14th at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National awarded the scholarship and education grant recipients at its annual scholarship banquet.

The following area residents were this year's honorees: Anthony Goodrow of 156 North West Street, Feeding Hills; Caroline Scherpa of 201 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills; Karen Baruffaldi of 59 Ley Street, Agawam; Brad Theriaque of 29 Glendale Road, Agawam; Carolyn Gomes of 10 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills; Ann Paquette of 12 Haskell Street, Agawam; Andrea Prova of 51 Faymore Dr., Agawam; Erin Rose Sullivan of 18 Phil Street, Feeding Hills; Amanda Cunningham of 15 Tracy Drive, Agawam; Dennis Liptak of 16 Overlook Drive, Feeding Hills; and Nicole White of 11 Oriole Drive, Feeding Hills...



UNICO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE members Rich Morassi (left) and Arthur Chase (right) are pictured above with scholarship winners Caroline Scherpa, Erin Sullivan, Dennis Liptak, Brad Theriaque, Anthony Goodrow, Karen Baruffaldi, Nicole White, and Carolyn Gomes.

Agawam Lioness Award Scholarships



JANE SANTUCCI - the next Steven Spielberg???



AGAWAM LIONESS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE members Marianne Campbell (left) and Ann Jackobek (right) are pictured above with recipients Valerie Cross and Holly LaDue.

Senior Finalizes Plans For Unique Educational Foray

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Agawam High School Class of 2000 member Jane Santucci has been active in almost every high school club and activity. She exudes enthusiasm about her well-charted future, at least for the immediate future. She is in a small percentage of graduating seniors who are leaving the area to go to college.

She will travel to Los Angeles for a four-week, super-intensive filmmaking workshop with Universal Studios, held in the studio's expansive back lot. The website states, *"To study and make films at Universal Studios - the largest backlot in the world - would be a pipe dream for most; unattainable, that is, up until this year. The New York Film Academy opens the studio's doors to the filmmakers-to-be of the world. Rather than being on the outside of the gates, peering in like tourists, students will live and breathe filmmaking within the very heart of the action."*

Arrangements have been made with Universal Studios for students to shoot in-class production exercises on the prestigious and widely-used backlot, a landscape filled with dozens of settings and backdrops, such as a Mexican villa, a Roman square, a 1930's New York alley, and streets and props from the Wild West.

Students can shoot in Los Angeles, choosing from the grit of urban neighborhoods to a beach at sunset

in Malibu, to the boardwalk of Venice Beach. Los Angeles has an amazingly varied landscape, offering seaside, desert, mountain slopes, and even fruit groves.

Students can choose from this abundance of settings in order to create their film. Students are asked to be prepared to "live and breathe film in an intensive, total immersion workshop with an extremely demanding schedule." Jane seems to thirst for experience, and this intensive workshop in the film genre could bring some relief to that thirst.

The schedules are rigorous, but students are given the opportunity to explore the Los Angeles area, which is rich in cultural and recreational resources. Cameras are provided, and Universal Studios' exclusive prop and costume collection will be made available for workshop attendees at a special student rate.

Students Will Write, Direct, Edit, & Shoot

Jane has not decided what her film will be about. The students are expected to write, direct, edit, and shoot. They keep their own 16 mm production for their portfolio and they receive a diploma. The entire experience will exceed \$10,000. Jane is attempting to earn all of the money herself, working every hour she can and asking for overtime.

The next leg of her journey will be to Lake Worth, Florida, where she will major in film, TV, and produc-

tion. She will share an apartment with three other people. She said, "It is going to be so exciting to meet so many new people." The first day of classes there will be on her 18th birthday on August 23rd. Her father will drive her car to meet her in Palm Beach, and he will help her set-up her new apartment.

Jane is doing all of this on her own and finds that raising money is the most difficult part. She welcomes any ideas or suggestions on how to avoid going into great debt while continuing her education in years to come.

Jane has participated in many activities and organizations during her high school years. She has been a member of the School Improvement Council (including the Climate board) for several years; has been on the staff of the UnListed section in the *Springfield Union News*; published editorials in *The Agawam Advertiser News*; and had publications in the *Parade* insert of the *Sunday Republican*.

Jane was sophomore class representative, junior class president, president of the Prom Committee, Photography Editor for Agawam High School's *Mirror*, and was on the staff of the *Mirror* from 1998-2000. She has served as secretary of S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment), has had perfect attendance throughout high school, and was voted

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St. Jean Completes Starry Career At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Brian St. Jean is one of the top athletes to play for Agawam High School in the past 10 years. The recently-graduated senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

Brian is 18 years-old. His birthday falls on February 14th. He is six feet tall and weighs in at 180 pounds. He spent all four years of his secondary education at Agawam High.

His final semester saw him take entrepreneurship, English 12, cooking, Italian I, and algebra II. His favorite course was U.S. history in his junior year. Edward Merrill (U.S. history, psychology) and Nancy Kundl (Italian/French) were his top teachers.

Brian will be attending the University of Tennessee this fall on a baseball scholarship. He'll be there by August 20th because the team will be leaving for a tournament in California. The Volunteers recruited him for his pitching skills and right now he's not sure if he'll be used as a starter or closer. "I'd rather start. But we'll have to wait and see," Brian noted.

In his career at AHS, he played two sports, football and baseball, starting on the varsity for three years in each. He was All-Western Mass. for two years in both and will undoubtedly be on the team again this time around.

Brian's outstanding statistics read like a cross between Nomar Garciapara and Pedro Martinez: 391 BA, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 18 RS, 672 slugging, 5 stolen bases. On the mound, he was 5-1 with 82 strikeouts, four shutouts, and an ERA of 0.53. Brian pitched to 193 batters in 52.67 innings of work. Of the seven runs he gave up, four were earned. He allowed 19 hits and walked 17.

He says he likes football better, but is better at baseball. This past spring, the pro scouts were many at AHS baseball games whenever Brian pitched.

His most memorable sports moment came in his sophomore year (1997) in the Thanksgiving Day game against West Springfield. The Brownies won, 27-8, and with Brian at quarterback, he ran for a TD,

passed for one, and had an interception on defense. Also, it was the last game he would play with his brother, Andy, who was a senior at the time.

He sees the just completed baseball season, where the Brownies reached the semi-final round after beating Westfield, then top-seeded Longmeadow in the first two rounds, this way: "I'm happy with it. We had no luck in our semi-final playoff game against Cathedral (a 10-9 loss for the defending Western Mass. champs).

His favorite food is manicotti. Brian works part-time at Luigi's Pasta and Pizza in Agawam and says they make the best manicotti around.

Blue is his favorite hue.

A 2000 Lincoln LS would be his ride.

The Boston Red Sox are his top team. "I haven't gotten a chance to see them yet because of baseball. But I plan to now and also work on my golf game over the summer," he smiled.

His favorite hangout is at his friend Eric Melcourne's house.

What does he wear? "Anything that's clean," was his answer.

Classic rock is his choice in music.

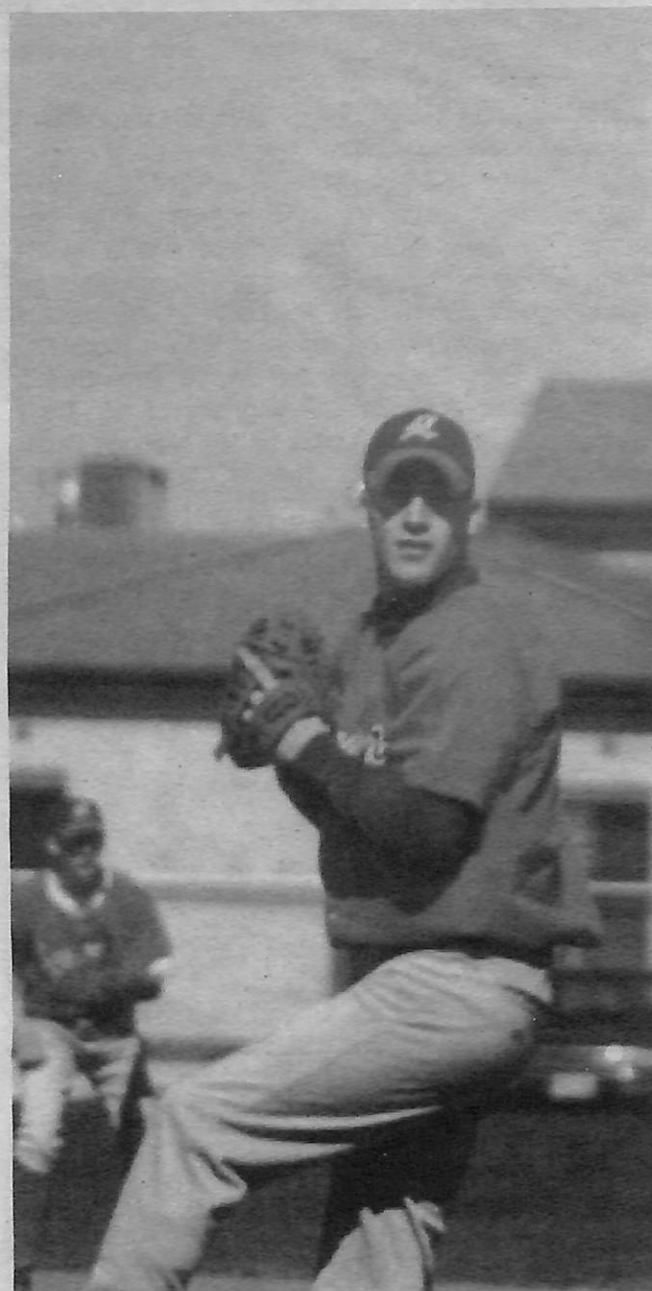
Tops on the tube for him is "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" "Braveheart" is his favorite flick.

Susan is his mom. Dennis is his dad. He has three brothers: Andy, a junior at The Citadel in South Carolina, Dennis (33), and Jeff (31).

His dad is the person Brian looks up to. "He's always been straight with me," Brian noted.

"Whatever they want to think is okay with me," he answered when asked how he'd like to be remembered at AHS.

Baseball Coach Pete Clark had this to say about the outstanding pitcher: "Brian was a pleasure to coach. He has great talent and the best thing about him was that he was always competitive. Also, he is the best baseball player I ever coached."



BRIAN ST. JEAN

JANE SANTUCCI - from Page 61

"Most Likely To Come To School on Senior Skip Day" for Senior Ballot Box.

Jane has also been involved with sports and civic activities, such as Agawam Soccer Association Fall Soccer, manager of the varsity ice hockey team, and serving food at Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Thanksgiving days (1998 and 1999). She also, for her own edification, took college-level courses at Holyoke Community College in basic still photography and introduction to sociology.

Jane has also tasted acting experience, having appeared in plays at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills in previous years, and recently auditioning for a television commercial for Channel 22. She seems to have unlimited ambition and energy, and it should be hoped that she will succeed in her endeavors and find ways to make her dreams become reality.

Because Jane endeavors to accomplish so much on her own, she would welcome suggestions from others who have fundraising expertise and can help her figure out ways to meet the financial demands of this rigorous set of plans.

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Michael J. Ruth Graduates From Lehigh University

Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, conferred 1,116 degrees during its 132nd commencement exercises on Sunday, June 4th.

Among the degree recipients was Michael John Ruth of 15f Castle Hill Road, Agawam, who received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering.

Jeremy Rodier Graduates From STCC

Jeremy Rodier of Feeding Hills graduated from Springfield Technical Community College on June 1st. He received an associate in science degree in mechanical engineering technology, specializing in the CAD/CAM Program.

Rodier will be continuing his education in the fall in the computer science department, where he will be pursuing a degree as a micro-computer specialist.

Kevin D. Burton Graduates With Honors From RIT

Kevin D. Burton of 37 Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, graduated with honors last month from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York. In addition, he was named to the Dean's List for the third quarter.

A student in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Burton studied newspaper operations management.

A 1985 graduate of Agawam High School, he is the son of Andrea & Jeff Burton of Feeding Hills.

Andrew E. Markowski Graduates From Union College

Andrew Edward Markowski of 14 Two-if-by Street, Feeding Hills, was among the class of 2000 students who received degrees at Union College's commencement exercises in Schenectady, New York.

A 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, he received a bachelor of arts in political science.

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KRISTINA M. GALARNEAU

Kristina Galarneau To Attend UMass Medical School

Kristina M. Galarneau, daughter of Linda & Anthony Galarneau of Agawam, will attend the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester this August to pursue her M.D. degree. The Worcester campus is composed of the School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the Graduate School of Nursing, the Massachusetts Biotechnology Research Park, and UMass Memorial University Hospital. The School of Medicine accepts 100 students each year to its M.D. program.

Kristina is a 1992 honors graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1997 honors graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst (where she received a bachelor of science in biology and an additional bachelor of science in psychology/neuroscience). She recently completed a two-year biomedical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where she conducted developmental brain research for the Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Pedro N. Guzman Receives Master's

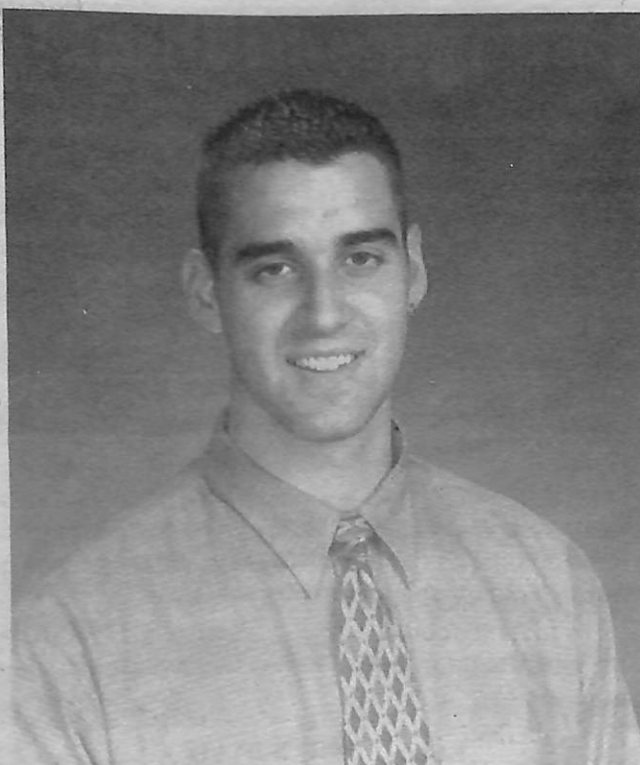
Pedro N. Guzman of Feeding Hills was among this year's degree recipients who were honored at last month's commencement at Framingham State College.

Guzman earned a master of education degree in curriculum and instructional technology.

F. Hills Residents Receive Home Builders' Scholarships

On Tuesday, June 20th, the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts held its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield to formally recognize the achievements of the 20 Member Scholarship Program recipients, as well as the eight Vocational Scholarship/Tool Acquisition Award recipients.

Among the honorees were the following residents of Feeding Hills: Jonathan Couture, son of Jerry & Christine Couture, who attends Boston University; and Stephanie McLane, daughter of Lowell & Abbe McLane, a member of AHS's class of 2000 who will be attending Taylor University.



JOHN HIGGINS III

John Higgins III Honored At Providence College

John Higgins III of 14 E Castle Hills, Agawam, recently received a bachelor's degree in biology-science (magna cum laude) from Providence College. In addition, he was honored by the college for his academic achievement.

Higgins was the recipient of the Reverend Charles V. Reichart, O.P. Award, given to the graduating senior who best exemplifies a dedication to the advancement of the biological sciences. He was also a S.T.E.P. 1 Peer Educator; a biology laboratory assistant; co-chairperson of the Senior Giving Committee; and a member of the Friar's Club.

In the fall, Higgins will be pursuing his doctorate at the University of South Alabama at Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Area Students Graduate From Elms College

The following area students were among this spring's graduates of Elms College in Chicopee:

* From Agawam -

Susan Aubrey received a master of arts degree in teaching with a concentration in reading.

Donna DiLullo received a master of education degree.

Christine A. Finnie received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude with a major in marketing. She is the wife of Thomas Finnie and the mother of Patrick Finnie. Her parents are Robert & Patricia Cabana.

Meghan Hukowitz received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in professional studies.

Eileen J. Ratkiewicz received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in chemistry. She was named to Alpha Sigma Lambda, continuing education honor society; received the Mary E. Scanlon Prize in the sciences and the American Chemical Society Award; and was a member of the Elms Chemistry Club and the campus chapter of the American Chemical Society. She is the wife of Timothy Ratkiewicz and the mother of Michael and Katie.

Heather von Hollander received a bachelor of science degree with a major in social work.

* From Feeding Hills -

Anne Bonk received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Courtney Limbert received a bachelor of arts degree in management. Elizabeth Pitkat received a bachelor of arts degree in health care management.

Selena Machia Receives Pres. Award At WSC

Feeding Hills resident Selena Machia was the recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence at Westfield State College's May 20th Commencement Ceremony.

The award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative average of the Class of 2000 students having done all undergraduate work at Westfield.

Selena graduated summa cum laude and received a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish. While at Westfield, she participated in the study abroad program, completing classes in advanced Spanish at Conversa Language School in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Selena has accepted the position of promotions assistant at Contact Communications, a web-site design company in La Fortuna, Costa Rica.

She is the daughter of Allen and Therese Machia of Feeding Hills and a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

Founded in 1838, Westfield State College was the nation's first public coeducational institution for teacher preparation. Now a liberal arts college, it enrolls 3,100 students.

Agawam Area Students Receive Awards From HCC

More than 225 outstanding Holyoke Community College students were presented with awards and scholarships last month at the college's 2000 Awards Night presentation, which was presided over by HCC President David Bartley.

The following residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills were among the award recipients: Shawn Anderson, Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award; Jack Biscoe, Men's Soccer Award; David Dello Russo, HCC Players Medal; Mark DelNegro, Golf Award and Holyoke Community College Service Award; Doris Gobeille, HCC Foundation, Inc. Non-Traditional Student Award and the Anabel Murphy Scholarship; Jason David, Men's Soccer Award; Aimee Loudfoot, Women's Soccer Award and the Plaque of the Class of 1954 for Leadership, Scholarship and Athletic Achievement; Brady Martin, Baseball Award; Shayna Nacewicz, Women's Soccer Award; Sarah Platanitis, Green Key Honor Society; and Jeffrey Tingley, HCC Players Medal.

Locals Earn Master's Degrees From WNEC

The following area residents received master's degrees from Western New England College in February:

Kerry L. Byrne of Agawam earned a master of business administration. She is the daughter of Michael & Linda Byrne of Agawam.

Jason A. Malek of Feeding Hills also earned his master's in business administration. He is the son of Frank & Marie Malek of Feeding Hills.

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ADRIENNE O'QUINN



ELIZABETH GERVAIS

Adrienne O'Quinn & Elizabeth Gervais Graduate From Clark University

Elizabeth Anne Gervais, daughter of Bill and Petra, and Adrienne Margaret O'Quinn, daughter of Albert and Joanne, both of Feeding Hills, graduated last month from Clark University in Worcester, MA. Adrienne received a bachelor of arts in biology, and Elizabeth graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in psychology with minors in communication and culture and screen studies.

While attending Clark, Adrienne had the opportunity to research the genetic disorder Hermansky Pudlak Syndrome. Both women were active in student organizations. Elizabeth was involved in the Undergraduate

Psychology Committee and was co-captain of the Woman's Lacrosse Club. Adrienne was co-director of the Variant Dance Troupe as well as president of Clark's Emergency Medical Services.

Elizabeth is currently enrolled in Clark University's master's program in professional communication with a concentration in marketing communications. Elizabeth is pursuing a career in marketing and public relations. Adrienne plans to continue her education as a pathologist's assistant and is currently pursuing a career in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

Hamilton College Announces Names Of Local Graduates

Hamilton College, located in Clinton, New York, conferred a total of 440 diplomas during its commencement exercises last month, and two area residents were among this spring's graduates.

Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne M. Albano of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude, and with departmental honors (the Underwood Prize in Chemistry, which was presented to him at the college's annual Class and Charter Day). In addition, Albano was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2000 semester (Dean's List students are those who have earned an average of 90 or above during a term).

Timothy Reid, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy E. Reid of Mountainview Street, Agawam, received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. Like his fellow Hamilton graduates, Reid now joins an alumni body of approximately 15,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government, and the arts.

Local Students Graduate From Suffield Academy

The following area students received diplomas last month at Suffield Academy's 167th commencement exercises:

*** From Agawam -**

Elizabeth MacCoy Cowan.

*** From Feeding Hills -**

Katherine Casey Kilrain and Jennifer Lynn Modzelesky.

Local Students Earn Degrees From Bay Path

Last month, a total of 151 women were granted bachelor's or associate degrees by Bay Path College during its commencement exercises. Among the graduates were the following Feeding Hills residents:

Jennifer Kratovil, daughter of Mark & Rosemary Kratovil of North Street Extension, received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude. She was enrolled in the psychology program and was a member of the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Kristin P. Tierney, daughter of Thomas & Patricia Tierney of Valley Brook Road, received a bachelor of science degree. She was enrolled in the occupational therapy program and was a member of the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Jason Devine Graduates From UMass Dartmouth

Jason Devine of Feeding Hills graduated from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth during the university's 100th commencement exercises held on June 4th. Devine majored in political science and received a bachelor of arts degree.

In addition, he attained the Dean's List for the spring 2000 semester, having earned a grade point average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

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MELISSA FLEMING

Melissa Fleming Graduates Summa Cum Laude

Melissa Fleming graduated summa cum laude from Assumption College after four successful years.

She was ranked 15th in her class with a GPA of 3.8. She was a four-year recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and an admissions tour guide from 1996-1999.

Melissa studied abroad in the spring of 1998 at the University of Valencia in Spain. She taught Spanish at the Bancroft School in the fall of 1998.

Melissa's major was Spanish, with a minor in marketing. She is employed as a marketing analyst by Roxy.com, an online retailer of consumer electronics products. Roxy.com is located in Marlboro, MA.

She is the daughter of John & Sheryl Fleming of Feeding Hills.

Michael T. Perry, Jr. An Honors Graduate Of Saint Anselm

Michael T. Perry, Jr., a resident of Feeding Hills, was recently awarded a bachelor of arts degree with honors in criminal justice at the 107th annual commencement of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Perry, also of Feeding Hills.

While at Saint Anselm, Perry was a member of the Criminal Justice Society, captain of the men's rugby team, Americorps program, college choir, jazz band, Knights of Columbus Council 4875, History Society, and the Anselmian Music Society. He was also awarded Dean's List honors, a Manchester volunteer award, and a Knights of Columbus Community Service Scholarship.

Perry plans a career in law enforcement.

Mike Ratkiewicz Graduates From MacDuffie School

The MacDuffie School held its 110th commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 4th, at Trinity Church on Sumner Avenue in Springfield.

Among this year's graduates was Mike Ratkiewicz of Agawam.



Graduation 2000



KAREN BARUFFALDI



ALYSSA MOORE



SAMANTHA MOZDZONOWSKI

Three Agawam Area Girls Graduate From Pioneer Valley Christian School

Three girls from the Agawam area graduated from Pioneer Valley Christian School on June 3rd. Karen Baruffaldi of Ley Street, Alyssa Moore of Valley Brook Road, and Samantha Mozdzonowski of Stony Hill Road are all members of the William C. Bryce National Honor Society, and all are active members of the student body, volunteers in community service, and active in their respective churches.

Karen is salutatorian for the graduating class. She has attended PVCS for the past five years. She is the class treasurer and has participated in volleyball, softball, the March for Life, choir, math league, and ACSI Leadership conference. She played the

part of Elaine in the school play "Our Miss Brooks." She was voted "Most Studious" and "most likely to succeed." Karen will be attending Oklahoma Christian University, where she plans to major in psychology.

Samantha has played varsity basketball and volleyball for the past four years. During her elementary years, she played soccer in Agawam with the AA and Pioneer Valley teams. She has held the offices of class president and Christian life director. She has been on mission trips to Mexico and Guatemala, and will be in Mexico again this summer for seven weeks serving with Merge Ministries.

Samantha will attend Philadelphia College of Bible this fall with a double major in Bible and elementary education.

Alyssa has played basketball and volleyball, as well as cheerleading. She has served as class president, class secretary, and Christian life director. She participated in the March for Life, the math league, the choir, and the school play in the part of "Miss Audubon." She was on the yearbook staff. In August, Alyssa will be travelling to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip. She will attend Azusa Pacific University in California in September as an elementary education major.



DAN BARBER

Dan Barber Earns Bachelor's From MCLA

Dan Barber, the son of John & Nancy Barber of 40 Arnold Street, Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of arts in psychology and English/communications during last month's commencement at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams. He is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

At MCLA, he was president of the Student Government, vice-chairman of the Judicial Board, and a member of the National Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho. He also participated in the college's weightlifting club, the Psychology Society, and was on the cross country team during his freshman year.

In addition to being in "Who's Who" for 2000, Barber received a Distinguished Service Award and a Community Service Award.

Area Students Honored At STCC Awards Ceremony

Springfield Technical Community College President Andrew M. Scibelli has announced the names of area residents who were recognized last month at the college's annual Honors Convocation ceremony. The event is held to recognize outstanding students who were recipients of awards and scholarships.

* From Agawam:

Melissa DeForge, Sophie Drost Award (Cosmetology); Francis Mazzei, Co-op Student of the Year; Brenda Ober, Who's Who in American Junior Colleges; and Kara Seibold, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (4.0).

* From Feeding Hills:

Nancy Cuccovia, Tazzini Family Scholarship and Academic Achievement in Clinical Laboratory Science.

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Elizabeth Cowan Receives Awards At Suf. Academy

Elizabeth Cowan, daughter of the Rev. Len and Hallie Cowan of Agawam and a 2000 graduate of Suffield Academy, received the following special awards at the academy's recently held commencement:

Edward Manning Gallup English Prize - awarded for attainment of the highest rank in college preparatory English during the four-year course of study.

C.W. Austin Language Prize in Spanish (honorable mention) - for distinction in the study of Spanish.

Bradford C. Gooch Music Award - carries the name of a master teacher and musician who retired in 1996. Given in recognition of superior musical talent and dedication.

Faculty Award for Citizenship and Service to Suffield - the highest honor presented at commencement, given for leadership and service to the school.

Cum Laude Society - the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, given to those students who have demonstrated their devotion to scholarship and attained the highest achievement in the most demanding courses.

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JENNIFER DELVLIN

Jennifer Devlin Earns Pharmacy Degree In Boston

Jennifer (McNamee) Devlin, daughter of Gary & Carmen McNamee of Agawam, graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston. A 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, Jennifer received a bachelor of science in pharmacy at last month's commencement.

She is currently employed at CVS Pharmacy in Framingham, where she resides with her husband, Stephen.



LAURIE A. FRYE

Laurie A. Frye Earns Master's At Westfield State

Laurie Anne (Taupier) Frye was awarded a master's degree in early childhood education last month at Westfield State College. She was also elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Laurie graduated from Agawam High School in 1977 and from Holyoke Community College in 1979. She received her bachelor's degree from Westfield State in 1985. She has been teaching kindergarten at the William B. Norris Elementary School in Southampton for the past five years, and formerly taught special education in the Springfield school system.

Laurie resides in Montgomery with her husband, Stephen, and their children, Karlyn and Matthew. She is the daughter of James & Miriam Taupier of Agawam.



MELISSA J. MURPHY

Melissa J. Murphy Earns Degree From Assumption

Last month, Melissa J. Murphy graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. She earned a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in biology with a minor in social rehabilitation.

While at Assumption, Melissa played lacrosse with the Lady Greyhounds for four years and served as captain in her senior year. She was selected as a PAW Prints Leader, which is mentoring for incoming freshmen. She was a member of St. Luke's Society and the Campus Activities Board. Melissa also worked as a teaching assistant for both chemistry and anatomy students.

Melissa has recently accepted a position with Baystate Medical Center in Springfield (working in the microbiology lab), and will pursue her master's degree.

Robert Magistri Named To Dean's List At AIC

Robert Magistri, son of Lynda Magistri of Feeding Hills and Mark Magistri of Enfield, CT, attained Dean's List honors with a 4.00 average for the spring semester at American International College.

Magistri is an accounting and business major who is going for his master's as a C.P.A.

He is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School and also a graduate of Westfield State College with honors.

Bob Fuller Named To Dean's List At College Of Wooster

Bob Fuller, a graduate of Agawam High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Fuller achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.



KIMBERLY A. SULLIVAN

Kimberly A. Sullivan Graduates From Longmeadow High

Kimberly A. Sullivan of Feeding Hills graduated from Longmeadow High School on June 11th.

While at Longmeadow, Kim was a member of the National Honor Society, The Key Club, and S.A.D.D. A member of both the varsity track and swim teams, she qualified during all four years of high school for the sectional All-Western Mass. Swimming Championship, as well as the State Swimming Championship.

Kim will attend the University of New Hampshire as a business/marketing major in the fall.

Michael Federico Receives AIC Alumni Book Prize

American International College has recognized Western Massachusetts high school students who excelled in the classroom. Sixteen juniors received the AIC Alumni Book Prize, including Michael Federico of Agawam High School.

The AIC Alumni Association presents the award to high school students who have achieved academically and are good school citizens.

"Our alumni are very interested in honoring student scholars, while letting them know that AIC is an outstanding school at which to continue their education," said Gary Boisseau, president of the Springfield chapter of the Alumni Association.

Boisseau, a 1979 AIC graduate, is a history teacher at the High School of Science and Technology in Springfield.

The award was first given out five years ago by the Alumni Association.

"We have a 115-year tradition of success at AIC, so it makes good sense for us to honor students who have done well," said John DeBonville of Feeding Hills, director of AIC's Office of Alumni Relations.

Each student receives a Merriam-Webster dictionary and thesaurus gift set.

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Local Students Attain Dean's List At Westfield State

The administration of Westfield State College has announced the names of local students who have achieved the Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester.

*** From Agawam:**

Marni Ayers, criminal justice major; Corrie Antaya, movement science major; Andrew E. Charko, mathematics major; Brooke Chichakly, political science major; Jessica M. Czuprynski, biology major; Jenna Dietschler, elementary education major; Stefanie M. Domaingue, business management major; David P. Federico, history major; Christine Grimaldi, elementary education major; Heidi Hersey, business management major; Kamaris Lessard, psychology major; Tara Marquiss, psychology major; Sean P. Michel, criminal justice major; Nathan Murray, mass communications major; Stacy Ann Rich, elementary education major; Tara Rivkin, elementary education major; Sandra A. Rueli, criminal justice major; Heidy I. Rydell, elementary education major; Alison L. Scherban, criminal justice major; Sharon Taylor, liberal studies major; and Catherine M. Zollmann, elementary education major.

*** From Feeding Hills:**

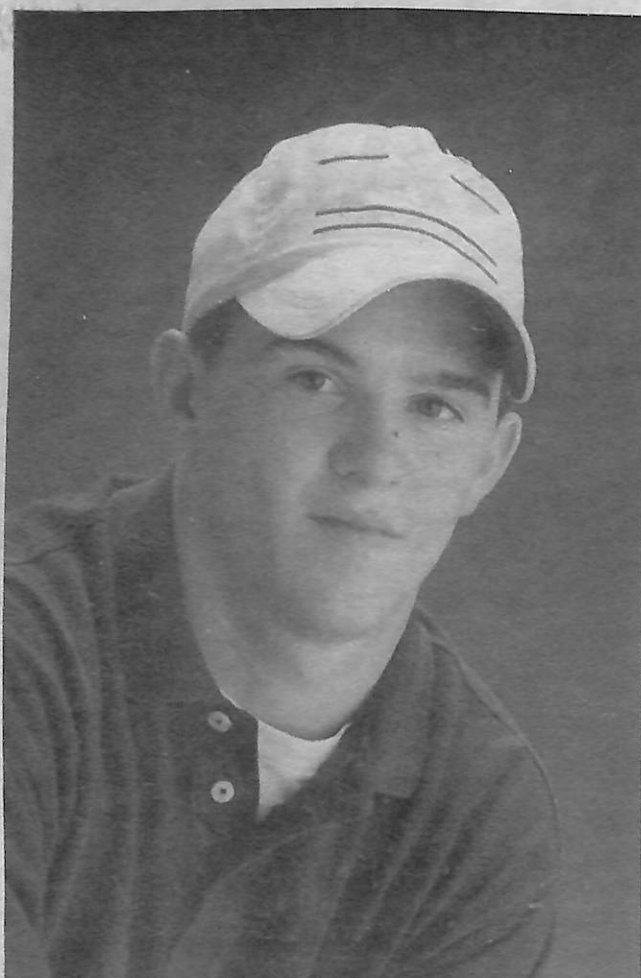
Kimberly Bosini, English major; Nicole Boyer, elementary education major; Jessica Briotta, elementary education major; Nancy Bulmer, elementary education major; Jaime Lee Callahan, mass communications major; Carolyn Clini, music major; Samantha M. Collette, elementary education major; Melissa I. Cote, undeclared major; Andrea M. Davis, mass communications major; Charlene Duquette, elementary education major; Sabrina Ferrari, elementary education major; Jessica A. Ferris, biology major; Erin M. Hanley, elementary education major; Deborah Harmon, elementary education major; Michelle R. Heim, political science major; Evan B. Konopka, computer science major; Tiffany Lemelin, business management major; Kelly Liard, special education major; Allison Listro, undeclared major; Selena Machia, economics/Spanish major; Robin A. Magagnoli, mass communications major; Kara Maslowski, psychology major; Christine Mazeika, elementary education major; Erica Pratt, movement science major; Kara Provencher, elementary education major; Erik Ranstrom, history major; Laura Rapa, elementary education major; Patrick Renna, criminal justice major; Jennifer K. Rondinelli, elementary education major; Linda T. Roy, undeclared major; and Elisabeth C. Shea, mathematics major.

Stephanie Fleming Attains Dean's List At Assumption

Stephanie Fleming of Feeding Hills has once again made the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.94 and has a class rank of 26th of 476. She is a starter for the Assumption Greyhounds field hockey team, for which she received the "National Award for Scholar Athletes" from the NCAA.

She is the daughter of John and Sheryl Fleming.

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MARK ENGELMAN

Mark Engelman Named To STCC Dean's List

Mark Engelman, son of Gale Engelman of Regency Park Drive, Agawam, Mark Engelman of West Palm Beach, Florida, and brother of Rachel Lara, has been named to the Dean's List at STCC for the spring 2000 semester.

Mark is a freshman majoring in education and psychology. He will be transferring to Keene State College, New Hampshire, in September as a sophomore.

Mark is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School.

Tara Fleming Finishes First Year At Castleton State

Tara Fleming of Feeding Hills has completed her first year at Castleton State College in Vermont. She finished her first semester with a 3.44 GPA and her second with a 3.30. She is a theater major and a communications minor.

Tara received the award for outstanding freshman in the theater program. She also helped plan the very successful benefit to help those affected by the floods in Mozambique. The school raised a great deal of money for this worthwhile effort.

Tara is also serving as an admissions tour guide at the school.

She is the daughter of John and Sheryl Fleming.



RAENA MAJOR

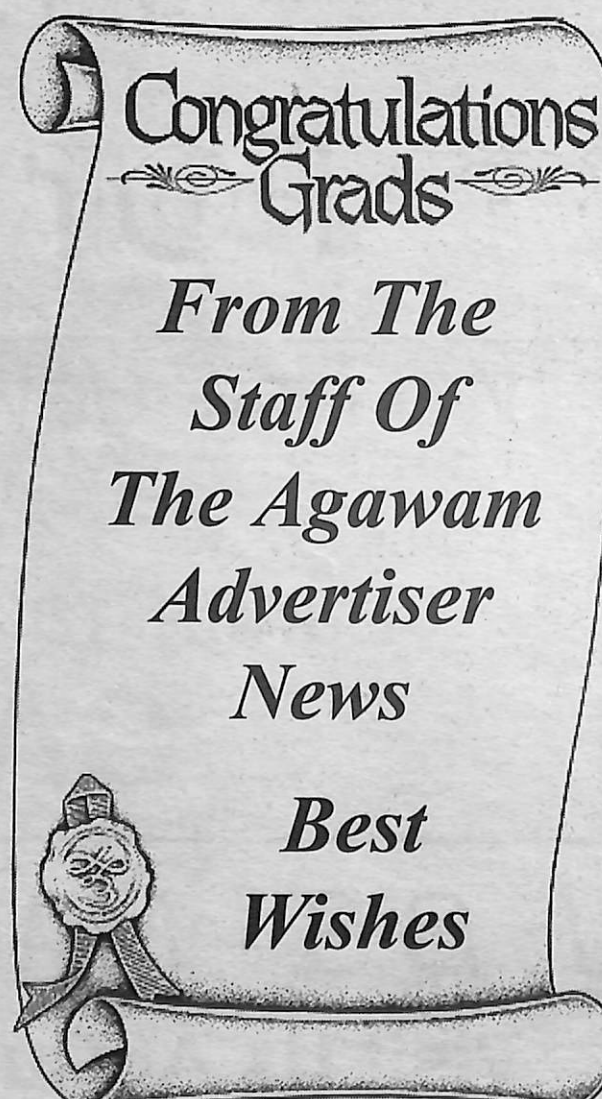
Raena Major Graduates From Culinary Institute

Raena Michelle Major, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, graduated on the 26th of May from the Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, New York.

She has received an associate's degree in Culinary Arts. Her course of studies included pastry baking, wines and spirit, international cuisine, nutrition, and business law.

A three-month externship requirement last year, was satisfied at the Chatham Bars Inn on Cape Cod, where she gained practical experience in food preparation. Raena credits Mrs. Cynthia McCormack, Agawam High School Family and Consumer Science teacher, as her inspiration to the culinary field.

Raena is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Major of Barry Street in Feeding Hills.



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